#### **SMOKY LAKE COUNTY**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 9:05 A.M. held virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Reeve, Mr. Craig Lukinuk, in the presence of the following persons:

		ATTENDANCE
Div. No.	Councillor(s)	Thursday, August 27, 2020
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
2	Johnny Cherniwchan	Present in Chambers
3	Craig Lukinuk	Present in Chambers
4	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
5	Randy Orichowski	Present in Chambers
Interim CAO	Lydia Cielin	Virtually Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present in Chambers
Legislative Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually Present
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# Observers in Attendance Upon Call to Order:

Public Works Mgr.	Doug Ponich	Virtually Present
Plan/Dev Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Virtually Present
Plan/Dev Manager	Kyle Schole	Virtually Present
Communications Tech.	Evonne Zukiwski	Virtually Present
CEDO	Michelle Wright	Virtually Present
Media	Smoky Lake Signal	Virtually Present
Media	Redwater Review	Virtually Present @ 9:22 a.m
Public	None	N/A

## 2. Agenda:

1041-20: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting Agenda for Thursday, August 27, 2020, be adopted, as amended:

## **Additions to the Agenda**

- 1. Bid Summary: Public Works Surplus Equipment Sale.
- 2. Agricultural Service Board Firearms Authorization.
- 3. Smoky Lake Daycare Pumpkin Patch Insurance.

Carried Unanimously.

## 3. Minutes:

## Minutes of June 25, 2020 - County Council Meeting

1042-20: Cherniwchan That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council Meeting** held on Thursday, June 25, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Minutes of June 30, 2020 – County Council Committee of the Whole – Administration

That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole – Administration Meeting** held on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

# Minutes of July 13, 2020 - Special County Council Meeting

1044-20: Gawalko That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council Special Meeting** held on Monday, July 13, 2020, be adopted as presented.

## Minutes of July 17, 2020 - County Council Committee of the Whole - Administration

1045-20: Orichowski

That the minutes of the Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole – Administration Meeting held on Friday, July 17, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

## Minutes of July 20, 2020 – County Council Committee of the Whole – Planning

1046-20: Halisky

That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole** – **Planning Meeting** held on Monday, July 20, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

## Minutes of July 20, 2020 – Special County Council Meeting

1047-20: Gawalko

That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Special Council Meeting** held on Monday, July 20, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

# Minutes of August 14, 2020 – County Council Committee of the Whole – Administration

1048-20: Orichowski

That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole – Administration Meeting** held on Friday, August 14, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Carried

Member of the Press from Redwater Review, virtually joined the meeting, time 9:22 a.m.

# 5. <u>Issues for Information:</u>

# Manager's Reports:

# **Public Works Manager**

## Township Road 610 between Range Road 181 & Highway 855

1049-20: Cherniwchan

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the unbudgeted expense in the approximate amount of \$15,000.00 (fifteen thousand dollars) of an emergent rehabilitate project to repair three areas on Township Road 610 between Range Road 181 and Highway 855, by building up (lifting) the base of the road to prevent further deterioration of the road and to avoid it becoming a safety hazard; and allocate the funds for the said project out of the Aggregate Levy Reserve.

Carried.

# Western Asphalt Pugmill Mixing of Cold Mix

1050-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council approve to utilize Western Asphalt Products of Bruderheim, Alberta to provide "Pugmill Mixing" of Cold Mix for stockpiling approximately 2,000 tonne of Cold Mix Road Material for an approximate cost in the amount of \$106,000.00, as the Pugmill Mixing process produces a far superior Cold Mix Road Material at a lessor cost than the County can produce and in a shorter amount of time than using County equipment.

Carried.

## Rehabilitating Township Road 600 between Range Road 180 & Range Road 181

1051-20: Orichowski

That Smoky Lake County approve action taken by the Public Works Manager in deferring a portion of the Three Year Road Plan Project: MG2015 – Township Road 604 between Range Road 183 and Range Road 182 to Year-2021 of the Three Year Road Plan to allow for the emergent rehabilitation of Township Road 600 between Range Road 180 and Range Road 181 as the asphalt sections were breaking apart beyond the point of patch repair, creating potentially dangerous driving conditions; and approve the unbudgeted expense of the said project to be allocated from the Aggregate Levy Reserve.

Doug Ponich, Public Works Manager left the meeting, time 9:32 a.m. Daniel Moric, Natural Gas Manager virtually joined the meeting, time 9:33 a.m.

## 4. Request for Decision:

## Policy Statement No. 03-25-10: Sale of Gravel or Sand

1052-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 03-25-10: Sale of Gravel or Sand, be amended:

Title: Sale of Gravel or	Sand	Policy No.: 25-10
Section: 03	Code: P-I	Page No.: 1 of 5
Legislation Reference:	Alberta Provincial Statutes	
Purpose: To provide a quid	leline and protocol for the sale of Mur	nicinal Gravel or Sand Material

#### Policy Statement and Guidelines:

#### 1. STATEMENT:

1.1 The County retains aggregate material for the purpose of supporting road construction or maintenance activities and will provide the opportunity, as a service to its residents, to sell gravel or sand material within the boundaries of Smoky Lake County to its' residents.

#### 2. DEFINITIONS:

- 2.1 "Aggregate Material" means a collection of granular material, such as gravel and reject sand.
- 2.2 "Aggregate Ticket" describes one Tandem Load of aggregate material delivered by a County Gravel Truck.
- 2.3 "Tandem Load": describes an average load of 12 Tonne.
- 2.4 "Others": describes a customer purchasing aggregate for use within the Smoky Lake Region who is not a County Ratepayer.

#### 3 OBJECTIVE

- 3.1 The County may sell per resident household customer up to 10 Aggregate Tickets or up to a maximum total weight of no greater than 120 Tonnes of Gravel and/or Sand material per year at the current commodity price to be used within the Smoky Lake County boundaries.
- 3.2 The County, in selling this material, does so without warranty and may, at its sole discretion, decide to retain (or not sell) aggregate dependent upon its availability to sustain an adequate supply, as determined by the Public Works Manager or designate, for supporting County operations
- 3.3 The County may allow the sale of aggregate from its aggregate pits located at NW-02-61-18-W4 at the White Earth Creek Gravel Pit and from any County leased aggregate pits; however, these sales will occur in accordance with the guidelines and procedures outlined within this Policy.
- 3.4 County projects requiring gravel and/or sand hauling will receive priority over any sale

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#### Policy Statement and Guidelines:

## GUIDELINES:

## SALE OF GRAVEL OR SAND:

4.1 The rate for the sale of gravel or sand is at the current commodity price which includes costs of crushing, reclamation, loading, hauling, and royalty, as applicable:

GRAVEL		
	Ratepayers	Others
Royalty	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00
Crushing Cost	\$12.00	\$12.00
Reclamation	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Loading	\$ 0.00	\$ 2.00
Hauling	\$15.00	N/A
TOTAL Per Tonne	\$34.00	\$ 22.00

SAND		
	Ratepayers	Others
Royalty	\$ 1.00	\$ 3.00
Reclamation	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Loading	\$ 0.00	\$ 2.00
Hauling	\$ 15.00	N/A
TOTAL Per Tonne	\$18.00	\$ 7.00

- .2 The County permits the sale of gravel and/or sand in bulk hauled by County equipment. Aggregate Tickets are nontransferable and for personal use only, one Aggregate Ticket represents one tandem load; partial loads delivered by the County are not permitted.
- 4.3 The County may sell up to twice the annual allowable amount (as per section 3.1) of material, at the discretion of the Public Works Manager or designate, to a resident household customer for a special project. However, any amounts delivered above 120 Tonnes per customer, per year, shall be sold at the current commodity price plus an additional 30%.
- 4.4 Larger quantities of material greater than 240 Tonnes purchased by others within the Smoky Lake County boundaries requires a decision from the Chief Administrative Officer or designate or by motion of Council; and any amounts delivered above 120 Tonnes per customer, per year, shall be sold at the current commodity price plus an additional 30%.
- 4.5 Aggregate will not be sold for commercial re-sale, or to any commercial enterprise, unless approved by motion of Council in response to a formal written request.
- 4.6 The County reserves the **right to refuse** delivery of aggregate to any resident customer if the delivery location is deemed unsafe or difficult to access. A pre-inspection may be necessary by the Public Works manager of designate to ensure the delivery location is free of obstructions and safe for County crews and equipment to work.

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#### Policy Statement and Guidelines:

#### **PURCHASE OF GRAVEL:**

- 4.7 Upon completion of Schedule "A": Pre-Authorized Aggregate Request Form, a "Aggregate Ticket" will be issued as a Receipt for Payment made. Each load of aggregate requires a separate Aggregate Ticket.
- 4.8 Aggregate Ticket payments must be received in full prior to aggregate delivery and made in person at the Public Works Office located at 5004 50 Street, Smoky Lake, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday (excluding Statutory Holidays). Proof of identity and County land ownership is required at the time of purchase, e.g., driver's license or government issued photo identification along with a property tax notice, land title or utility bill.
- 4.9 Aggregate Tickets must be used by October 31st of the year the ticket was purchase and are non-refundable.
- 4.10 Residents have the option to have each load of the aggregate stockpiled or spread at one delivery location on the resident's property. Residents must ensure the delivery location is free from obstructions and is safe for County crews and equipment to work.

#### AGGREGATE PICK-UP SERVICE:

- 4.11. Smoky Lake County may allow a two-day per week schedule of Tuesday and Thursday, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year for Private/Public Gravel Haulers' gravel pick up service at White Earth Creek Gravel Pit, located on lands legally described as NW-02-61-18-W4.
- 4.12 Aggregate Ticket payments must be received in full prior to aggregate pick up and made in person at the Public Works Office located at 5004 50 Street, Smoky Lake, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday (excluding Statutory Holidays). Proof of identity and County land ownership is required at the time of purchase, e.g., driver's license or government issued photo identification along with a property tax notice, land title or utility bill.
- 4.13 Aggregate Tickets for smaller volumes of aggregate material to be loaded onto resident's pick-up trucks or small trailers may be permitted.
- 4.14 All loading of aggregate material shall be done solely by Smoky Lake County and the County reserves the right to refuse loading if the load appears unsecured or unsafe.

#### 5. PROCEDURES:

- 5.1 Schedule "A": Pre-Authorized Aggregate Request Form must be completed in its entirety.
- 5.2 All requests for aggregate material must be handled through the Public Works Office to determine the current commodity cost, to allow for recordkeeping and numbering of Aggregate Tickets (as outlined in section 5.5), and for the purpose of obtaining a signature as a statement from the purchaser acknowledging this Policy and execution of a hold harmless agreement.

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#### Policy Statement and Guidelines:

- 5.3 The bottom portion of the Pre-Authorized Aggregate Request form is the <u>Aggregate Ticket</u> and is to be provided to the purchaser as a Receipt of proper verification of aggregate purchased.
- 5.4 The top portion of the Pre-Authorized Aggregate Request form shall be submitted to the Public Works Aggregate Shack for operational purposes to schedule aggregate delivery or as notification of a pick-up service.
- 5.5 For the purpose of tracking the annual aggregate sales, Aggregate Tickets shall be numbered with a prefix of one letter to indicate the type of aggregate material followed by a two digit number indicating the year that the ticket was sold, and then followed by a three digit sequential tracking number, for example, in Year-2020, the tickets numbers would start and continue as follows:

G20-001, G20-002, G20-003, G20-004, and so on, for Gravel, and S20-001, S20-002, S20-003, S20-004, and so on, for Sand.

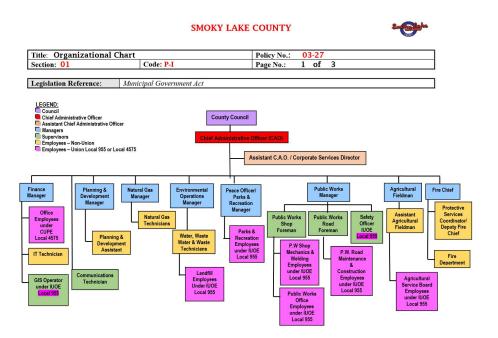
5.6 During aggregate deliveries, the County hauler will have the discretion to determine if conditions permit the aggregate to be spread, if requested, and if the delivery location is difficult to access or other safety concerns are present, the County will deliver the aggregate in a pile and will not spread the aggregate.

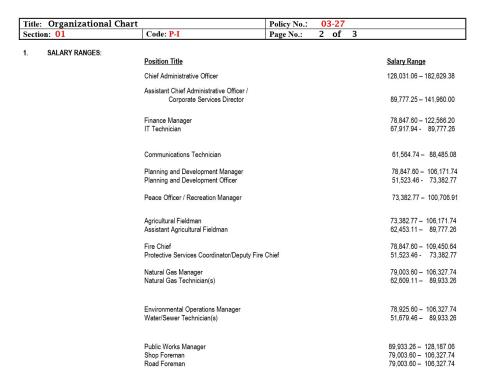


Carried.

# Policy Statement No. 01-03-27: Organizational Chart

1053-20: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 01-03-27: Organizational Chart, be amended:





Carried.

Hank Holowaychuk, member of the Public virtually joined the meeting, time 10:04 a.m.

## Municipal Stimulus Program - Memorandum of Agreement

1054-20: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County execute the Municipal Stimulus Program Memorandum of Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen, in right of the Province of Alberta, as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated July 28, 2020 to be eligible to receive conditional funds from the Minister; and funds to be expended before December 31, 2021.

Carried.

## **Municipal Stimulus Program - Eligible Projects**

1055-20: Orichowski

That Smoky Lake County submit applications for funding under the Provincial Municipal Stimulus Program for the two eligible shovelready County Projects shown below, which have reserve funding available to fund the portion of the Municipal Contribution:

- Project: Bridge Repair File # BF1603, over Waskatenau Creek, on Range Road 193 near the community of Waskatenau, on or near the lands legally described as SW-22-59-19-W4M, with an estimated Project Cost in the amount of \$59,000.00, and
- Project: Range Road 181 Rehabilitation and Paving, for road base stabilization followed by paving on Range Road 181 from Township Road 604 to Township Road 605, with an estimated Project Cost in the amount of \$350,000.00.

Carried.

#### Bylaw No. 1382-20: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

1056-20: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1382-20: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), being a bylaw for the purpose of establishing and defining the power, duties, and functions of the CAO, be given **FIRST** READING.

Moved by Councillor Halisky that Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No.** 1382-20: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), being a bylaw for the purpose of establishing and defining the power, duties, and functions of the CAO, be given SECOND READING.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Orichowski that Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No.** 1382-20: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), being a bylaw for the purpose of establishing and defining the power, duties, and functions of the CAO, be given **PERMISSION** for **THIRD AND FINAL READING.** 

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gawalko that Smoky Lake County **Bylaw No.** 1382-20: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), being a bylaw for the purpose of establishing and defining the power, duties, and functions of the CAO, be given the THIRD and FINAL READING and that the Reeve and the Interim Chief Administrative Officer 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.

Carried.

## Exploration of the Village of Vilna's Amalgamation with Smoky Lake County

1057-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County **defer** the letter from Mayor Leo Chapdelaine, Village of Vilna, dated August 10, 2020, in regard to requesting consideration of amalgamation for the Village of Vilna with Smoky Lake County, to a future Council Committee of the Whole Meeting, to jointly engage in the discussion of exploring amalgamation and other options available in regard to Municipal Restructuring for municipal success and sustainability; and, extend an initiation to Marnie Lee, Municipal Viability Advisor, Municipal Capacity and Sustainability with Alberta Municipal Affairs to be a virtual delegation at the said Committee of the Whole Meeting once a suitable meeting date has been determined.

Carried.

# County Owned Land Sale of Plan 314HW, Block 4, Lot 15 - 5112-50 Ave Warspite

1058-20: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County **accept** Bruce Morton Offer to Purchase the County owned land legally described as: Plan 314HW, Block 4, Lot 15 (Roll #40300415) located at 5112 50 Avenue, Warspite, in the total amount of \$10,500.00 including GST in accordance with Policy No. 61-10-01: Disposition of County Owned Property and on the condition of the said land being developed by constructing a mobile home on piles within 2-years of the purchase date as per the expression of interest received from Bruce Morton, on July 9, 2020.

Carried.

## Membership for Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association (ABMA)

1059-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County approve administration to secure an Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association (ABMA) membership for Year-2020-2021 at no cost, to take advantage of the benefits provided from infusing knowledge of French facts into Smoky Lake County to contribute to the attractiveness and competitiveness of Smoky Lake County tourism.

# **Additions to the Agenda:**

## Smoky Lake Community Daycare Cooperative's Pumpkin Patch Daycare

1060-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County approve to cost share on a 50/50 basis with the Town of Smoky Lake, the RMA Insurance fee for the Smoky Lake Community Daycare Cooperative's Pumpkin Patch Daycare insurance policy dated: November 1, 2020 to November 1, 2021, held under the Smoky Lake County's Additional Named Insured umbrella, in response to the Smoky Lake Community Daycare Co-operative's letter request, dated August 25, 2020; and, recommend the Cooperative provide a written request of same for Council's consideration on an annual basis.

Carried.

## Agricultural Service Board Firearms Authorization for Secondary Trapper

1061-20: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County approve to execute Schedule "A" of Policy Statement No. 62-18-01: Firearms Authorization for Agricultural Service Board, titled: Firearm Authorization Form, for the Agricultural Service Board Department **Secondary Trapper Contract Position**: Cody Bryks, for the purpose of permitting the carrying of, and use of, firearms for the control of problem wildlife while conducting field work in County locations, for the period of August 27, 2020 to the expiration date of December 9, 2022.

Carried.

## 5. <u>Issues for Information:</u>

## **Interim Chief Administrative Officer's Report**

The Interim Chief Administrative Officer provided a report to Council for the period of June 25, 2020 to August 20, 2020:

### Legislative/Governance:

- The Village of Vilna has initiated an informal conversation regarding amalgamation and the legislation, process, requirements, study funding, options, etc. are being determined.
- The 75% Road Ban was lifted, as recommended at the Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 17, 2020 and in accordance with Bylaw 1225-11: Road Bans.
- Public Participation process engaged for the amended Policy Statement No. 03-25-10: Sale of Gravel or Sand.
- Access for Information: One Request for Month of July File 01-2020.
- Action List Item: Motion 1029-20 Environmental Operations Meeting to purchase the land legally described as SE-33-59-12-4, Lot E, Plan 7921604, commonly known as the Waste Transfer Site and Staging Area in the Hamlet of Spedden. Reply received.
- Canadian Permanent Resident Application Status Doctor Hendrik Lourens: Letter written requesting status update.

## **Administrative:**

- Reopening of the County offices has been a smooth transition no concerns.
- CEDO will be temporarily working out of the Legislative Services office, due to some health concerns expressed Health and Safety Committee is aware.
- Provided a Joint Letter of Support on August 18, 2020 from the Town and County regarding Vision XS's bid to support the Explore Edmonton Tourism Strategy RFP.

- Two additional flagpoles will be installed in September or October 2020, outside the Main Office which will be set back symmetrically from the existing flagpoles to fly the Métis Crossing flag and to fly rotating flags such as the Ukrainian Flag; and the process will be incorporated policy to be brought forward to Policy Committee meeting.
- Discussion will be held at next upcoming Manager's Meeting in regard to lines drawn within County Parking Lot in respect to parking.
- Council Requests:

In respect to MGA Section 153(1): Duty of chief administrative officer "Where the chief administrative officer or a person designated by the chief administrative officer provides information referred to in section 153(d) to a Councillor, the information must be provided to all other Councillors as soon as is practicable.

Administration has created a draft Summary for tracking purposes of Council Requests process (Attached) to obtain feedback on implementing a procedure for obtaining information in respect to Section 153 (d) "to obtain information about the operation or administration of the municipality from the chief administrative officer or a person designated by the chief administrative officer".

■ For Year 2020 Gravel Crushing Contract with McNabb Construction was executed as per County Council Motion 802-20 in respect to the 2020-2023 Gravel Crushing Tender Awarded.

#### Financial:

■ The negative impacts of the Provincial changes to the Property Assessment Model have been calculated by the Finance Manager and lobby against the changes continues through RMA and MLA - based on the options proposed by the province, Smoky Lake County would lose \$2.3 to \$2.5 million dollars in tax revenue.

#### **Human Resources:**

- CAO Recruitment Advertising completed.
- CAO Recruitment Shortlist progress 41 Resumés were submitted
- Approved the Legislative Services Clerk to continue work from home to facilitate virtual meetings to meet internet speed capacity as County Meetings continue to be held virtually for the public.
- Approved the Communications Technician to continue to work from home.
- Managers, as well on occasion work from home virtual meetings.
- Express "Thank you" to Council for approving my two-week vacation during such a busy time much appreciated.

#### Community:

- Several Condolence Cards & Flowers were received in memory of our CAO, Cory Ollikka who died on July 2, 2020. Thank-you ads were posted as well as some individual emails were sent in appreciation of the sentiments. And, thank you to Council for the flexibility in allowing time for employees to grieve the loss Cory Ollikka
- Provided a Letter of Support to Métis Crossing for pursuing the management contract for the Victoria Settlement Provincial Historic Site.

- Update on the Waskatenau Highway 831 drainage: Twp Rd 592 Ditch work - the culvert installation. Associated Engineering has requested for permission from CN and waiting for a response.
- Legislative Services and myself attended with Council- a Tri-Council Meeting with Metis Crossing, Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County on August 17, 2020 at the Metis Crossing Cultural Gathering Centre: Presentation(s): Smoky Lake Tourism Company, Metis Crossing Solar Project – Metis Nation of Alberta (MNA); Investment Co-operative and housing projects.
- Alberta HUB Announcement Smoky Lake Metis Crossing Solar Project 3.9M. The link within this email contains full detail that on August 13, 2020 - "Investing in Municipal Community Generation" out of 43 municipalities that expressed interest – only two successful applicants and Smoky Lake was one of them

## **Training:**

■ FOIP Training will be taken online by the Communications Technician and the Legislative Services Clerk on September 15 or alternatively on November 17 at a cost of \$375 per registrant, through a company called Cenera.

#### Road Bans

1062-20: Orichowski

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge the **Road Ban** to restrict hauling axle weights to 75% made effective on June 25, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. was lifted on July 17, 2020.

Carried.

## SE-33-59-12-4, Lot E, Plan 7921604, Waste Transfer Site and Staging Area Spedden

1063-20: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County proceed to purchase the land currently leased by Smoky Lake County, legally described as SE-33-59-12-4, Lot E, Plan 7921604, containing .47 acres (more or less) known as the Spedden Waste Transfer Site, at a purchase price in the amount of \$14,500.00 (fourteen thousand five hundred dollars) in response to the acceptance letter received from the Owner of the said Lands: Mrs. Diane Cholak, dated August 20, 2020.

Carried.

## **Doctor Hendrik Lourens - Canadian Permanent Resident Application**

1064-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County approve action taken in providing a letter to the Honourable Marco E. L. Mendicino, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, in support of progressing the Canadian Permanent Resident application submitted in February 2018 through the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program for Doctor Hendrik Lourens and his family, as Dr. Lourens is currently working out of the Raubenheimer Clinic, Smoky Lake and is a tremendous asset in providing our community's family physician needs.

Carried.

## Vision XS – Letter of Support

1065-20: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County approve action taken by the County Reeve and Smoky Lake Mayor in providing a joint letter of support with the Town of Smoky Lake on August 18, 2020 to Vision, the Experience Specialists' (Vision XS) for bidding on the Tourism Plan for Explore Edmonton, as the County and Town have had positive experiences with Vision XS since engaging them in Year-2019 for the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy.

# Council Requests - Summary Listing

1066-20: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County Council approve for Administration to track Council Requests which are made in accordance with the Municipal Government Act Section 153(1): Duty of chief administrative officer "Where the chief administrative officer or a person designated by the chief administrative officer provides information referred to in section 153(d) to a Councillor, the information must be provided to all other Councillors as soon as is practicable" and Section 153 (d) "to obtain information about the operation or administration of the municipality from the chief administrative officer or a person designated by the chief administrative officer"; and document the procedure for tracking Council Requests into Policy Statement No. 01-28: Regular County Council Meeting - Issue for Information and Information Release.

Carried.

# **Provincial Assessment Model Review – Impact Letter**

1067-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County approve action taken in submitting a letter to Glenn van Dijken, MLA for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock in regard to the Provincial Assessment Model Review's negative impacts, as based on the options proposed by the Province, Smoky Lake County, would lose \$2.3 to \$2.5 million dollars in tax revenue.

Carried.

# **Provincial Assessment Model Review - Meeting**

1068-20: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County approve action taken by the Reeve and Deputy Reeve in attending meeting held on August 12, 2020 at the Barrhead Senior Citizens Drop In Centre, 5437 49 Street, Barrhead, Alberta, to discuss the impacts of the Provincial Assessment Model Review with Glenn van Dijken, MLA for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, and representatives from each rural municipality in the Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock Constituency.

Carried.

## Bereavement of Cory Ollikka

1069-20: Orichowski

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge, for documentation purposes, the action approved by Council in allowing County staff time-off, without loss of pay on Friday, July 3 and Monday, July 6, 2020, as well as flexibility in attending work during the week of July 6 to 10, 2020, for the bereavement of Cory Ollikka; and, acknowledge the County Offices were never closed for business during those days.

Carried.

## Métis Crossing Letter of Support - Victoria Settlement Provincial Historic Site

1070-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County approve action taken in providing a Letter of Support to Métis Crossing on August 6, 2020, for pursuing the management contract for the Victoria Settlement Provincial Historic Site.

Carried.

## **Metis Crossing Solar Project**

1071-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the Alberta HUB Announcement, received from Bob Bezpalko, Executive Director, Northeast Alberta Information HUB, dated August 20, 2020, in regard to the Métis Crossing 4.86 MW Solar Project which is a collaboration between the Town of Smoky Lake, Smoky Lake County and the Métis Nation of Alberta, receiving a \$3.9 million investment from the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre; making the said project one of only two successful applicants out 43 municipalities that expressed interest.

## **Financial Statements**

# As annexed to the minutes:

♦ May/June 2020.

## Action List(s)

#### **Action Lists:**

- i. County Council Meeting June 25, 2020.
- ii. County Council Committee of the Whole for the Purpose of Administration Meeting June 30, 2020.
- iii. Special County Council Meeting July 13, 2020.
- iv. County Council Committee of the Whole for the Purpose of Administration Meeting July 17, 2020.
- v. County Council Committee of the Whole for the Purpose of Planning Meeting July 20, 2020.
- vi. Special County Council Meeting July 20, 2020.
- vii. County Council Committee of the Whole for the Purpose of Administrative Meeting August 14, 2020.

## **Interim Chief Administrative Officer's Report**

1072-20: Cherniwchan

That Smoky Lake County's Interim Chief Administrative Officer report for the period of July 16, 2020 to August 20, 2020, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

# Finance Manager's Report: Actual to Budget Report

Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager provided an updated Financial Report for the period of June 18, 2020 to August 19, 2020.

## **Budget Meeting**

1073-20: Halisky

That the next Smoky Lake <u>County Council Budget Meeting</u> be scheduled for Thursday, **September 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**, to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 and in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

### 2020 - 2024 Financial Plan

1074-20: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge the Public Participation process was engage for the five-year 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan, and approve the 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan, which provides the highlights of Smoky Lake County's Operating, Capital, and Road Plan budget, sectioned into:

- > Strategic Highlights: providing a summary of information on Smoky Lake County's strategic plan,
- ➤ County Information: providing general information on Smoky Lake County and the services provided,
- ➤ **Budget Highlights**: explaining the process that Council goes through to create an approved budget, as well as the current financial status and outlook for the future,
- ▶ **Budget**: providing information on the operating and capital budgets for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024, and
- > Appendix: including copies of related policies passed by council.

Carried.

# Property Tax Penalty Write Off – Tax Roll #14571731

1075-20: Orichowski

That Smoky Lake County Council **waive penalties** in the amount of \$9.01 on property tax roll # 14572731, due to an administrative error and in response to the letter from the property owner received on August 25, 2020.

# Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) - Regional Geographic Information System (GIS) Project Phase III Infrastructure Data Integration

1076-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council approve action taken, as managing partner, in partnership with the Town of Smoky Lake, Village of Waskatenau, and the Village of Vilna, in executing the conditional grant agreement in the amount of \$200,000.00 (two hundred thousand dollars) with Her Majesty the Queen, in right of the Province of Alberta as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, for the 2019-2020 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant for the Project Titled: Regional Geographic Information System (GIS) Project Phase III Infrastructure Data Integration under the "Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework" Component Grant.

Carried.

## Aggregate Operator Delinquency – Bylaw

1077-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County ensure the Aggregate Extraction Business Licence fees and Aggregate Quarterly Reports are up to date for Year-2020 in accordance with Bylaw No. 1306-17: Licensing of Aggregate Extraction Businesses Operating Within Smoky Lake County; and proceed move forward on enforcing penalties on Aggregate Extraction Businesses who remain delinquent.

Carried.

## Finance Manager's Report

1078-20: Gawalko

That the Smoky Lake County Financial Report prepared by Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager for the period of June 18, 2020 to August 19, 2020, be accepted for information.

Carried.

## **Reeve's Report:**

Reeve Craig Lukinuk presented the following written report:



Reeve's Report For June 19, 2020 to August 19, 2020

June 22, 2020 - Joint Council Meeting with Village of Vilna held virtually: (All Council)

 Discussed a Personnel Issue in Executive Session with respect to the health and safety of the Vilna and District Volunteer Fire Department Members and the public, under the authority of FOIP Act: Section 18: Individual or Public Safety.

June 23, 2020 - New HAK School - Public Consultation Meeting held virtually: (All Council)

 Neil O'Shea, Superintendent of Aspen View Public Schools presented information on the possible design of the new school and provided answers to the engaged public's questions.

June 25, 2020 – County Council Meeting held Virtually: (All Council)

- Amended Policy Statement No. 03-16-04: Road Closure or Cancellation.
- Gave first reading to Bylaw No. 1380-20 for the Road Closure of Undeveloped Government Road Allowance: East side of River Lot 10 (Victoria Settlement).
- Adopted Policy Statement No. 03-36-01: Roadside Brushing Program.
- Declared a Municipal Agricultural Disaster for awareness targeted at the Provincial & Federal Government for their consideration of financial assistance programs.
- Implemented a 75% Road Ban.
- Adopted Policy Statement No. 61M-02-01: Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) Work Plan.
- Agreed to assist the Village of Waskatenau to prepare a Municipal Historic Resource Designation Bylaw for the Waskatenau General Store at 5034 50 Street.

June 26, 2020 - Joint Council Meeting with Town of Smoky Lake: (All Council)

- Gave third & final reading to Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1372-20 & Town of Smoky Lake Bylaw No. 006-2020: Victoria District Economic Development Strategy respectively.
- Established a Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Implementation Working Group to implement the Town/County Bylaw Numbers 006-2020 and 1372-20.
- Directed 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 bring it forward to a future Meeting of Joint Council for consideration.

June 29, 2020 - Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) Meeting: (Craig, Lorne, Johnny)

 Re-confirm Michelle Wright as the Community Economic Development Officer (CEDO) and extend the Contract Agreement to June 30, 2021.

#### June 30, 2020 - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting: (All Council)

- Denied Development Permit No. DP-022-20: Plan 7821750, Block 1, Lot 15 for the development/placement of a Shipping Container (40'L x 8'W x 8.5'H), because it's length is in contravention of the Land Use Bylaw.
- Approved Heritage Resource Intervention Permit No. HRIP-001-20: Russo Greek Catholic Orthodox Parish of Topovontz Holy Trinity Church, to allow for the replacement of Asphalt Shingles with a Metal Roof Covering.

#### June 30, 2020 – Committee of the Whole, Administration Meeting: (All Council)

 Discussed a Personnel Issue in Executive Session, regarding the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 955, Collective Agreement, in the absence of Administration, under the authority of FOIP Act: Section 27: Privileged Information.

#### July 2, 2020 - Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Working Group: (Craig)

- Reviewed of the Public input form June 26, 2020.
- Discussed Membership of Working Group & subcommittees to engage other stakeholders.
- Discussed funding models and creation of a business plan.

#### July 2, 2020 – Northern Lights Library Executive Committee: (Craig)

- Discussed approval of phone system upgrade.
- Discussed Executive Director Evaluation.
- Reviewed Board honorarium.
- Reviewed Finance Funds and Accounts

## July 2, 2020- Northern Lights Building Committee: (Craig)

- The New Phone System costs \$2000 to set up and will reduce monthly billing by \$50.
- Landscaping is necessary to help with Flooding water coming into building.
- The furnace needs replacing as its motherboard crashed and is obsolete and non-replaceable.

#### July 13, 2020 - Muni-Corr Ltd. Meeting: (Craig)

- Reviewed Iron Horse Trail Strategic Plan.
- Discussed the value of the Iron Horse Trail for each municipality.
- Historical signage is needed for awareness.
- Talked about one strategic plan for Muni-Corr to be shared by all Municipalities.

#### July 13, 2020 - Special Council Meeting: (All Council)

- Approved to re-open the County Main Office and Public Works Shop Office to the Public, effective Tuesday, August 4, 2020.
- Appointed Ms. Lydia Cielin as the Interim Chief Administrative Officer (Interim CAO).
- Approved additional variance pay as compensation to Ms. Lydia Cielin for fulfilling the Interim CAO position.
- Approved to advertise the employment opportunity of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) with a
  resume submission deadline of August 4, 2020 and noted the competition will remain open until
  a suitable candidate is found.

# July 14, 2020 - Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) Advertising Meeting: (Craig & Lorne)

- Reviewed 3 brochures and contents in Regional Guides.
- Recommended to have a contest for a new design for the RCDC Logo.
- Recommended Committee Members research other Regional Sites content, styles.

## July 16, 2020 - Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Working Group: (Craig)

- Received an update on Métis Crossing's accommodations project development.
- Discussed plans for the next public consultation.
- Discussed funding models.

## July 16, 2020 – Policy Committee Meeting: (All Council)

- Reviewed and recommended amending Policy 03-25-10: Sale of Gravel or Sand.
- Reviewed and recommended amending Policy 01-03-27: Organizational Chart.
- Recommended lifting the 75% Road Ban.
- Reviewed and recommended amending Policy 61-02-02: Resource Extraction Development Permit Application.
- Review and recommended the proposed Bylaw No. 1382-20: Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw, be given 3 readings.

# July 17, 2020 - Committee of the Whole, Administration Meeting: (All Council)

- Recommended inviting the Minister of Agricultural and Forestry, to tour Smoky Lake County to see first-hand, the full impact of the devastating state of agriculture in our region.
- Discussed a Personnel Issue in Executive Session, regarding the Collective Agreement between Smoky Lake County and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 955, under the authority of FOIP Act: Section 27: Privileged Information.
- Discussed a Land and Legal Issue in Executive Session, regarding the Waste Transfer Site and Staging Area in the Hamlet of Spedden, under the authority of the FOIP Section 27: Privileged Information.

#### July 20, 2020 - Committee of the Whole, Planning Meeting: (All Council)

- Recommended Administration prepare an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14, in regard to Campgrounds and Recreational Vehicles, to include separate definitions for: minor, intermediate, and major campgrounds, as well as to further define a recreational vehicle (RV) and RV storage facilities.
- Recommended, at no cost to the County, to proceed with a Public Land Sale (PLS) application
  as a co-applicant with the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) or its designate, for the Crown Land
  (Grazing Permit 787758) on RL-10-58-17-W4, Victoria Settlement.

## July 20, 2020 - Special Council Meeting: (All Council)

- Gave first reading to Bylaw No. 1381-20: a Bylaw to Amend Land Use Bylaw 1272-14 to provide
  definitions for a range of accommodation types, and to allow for these accommodation types to
  be located within the Victoria Commercial (C2) District, Hamlet General (HG) District, and
  Highway Commercial (C1) District, as Permitted or Discretionary Uses.
- Scheduled a Council Meeting and Public Hearing for Monday, August 10, 2020, at 10:15 a.m.

#### July 22, 2020 - Joint Council Meeting with Town of Smoky Lake: (All Council)

- Discussed the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy.
- Acknowledged receipt of letters supporting the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy from Travel Alberta and Portage College.
- Agreed for the Town and County Administrations to research and compile information for the
  purpose of reviewing the history, including land use planning, to determine who is responsible
  for what and to work towards a cost effective solution that would reduce future flooding, mitigate
  impacts and address water management going forward on flooding of areas such as at Toporetz
  Road and Highway 855.

#### July 24, 2020 – Smoky Lake Region Fire & Rescue Committee Meeting: (Craig, Lorne, Johnny, Danny)

- Agreed to advertise for tender surplus Very High Frequency (VHF) Radio Equipment.
- Approve to replace all Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) with new models as recommended by Alberta Health Services for first responders.
- Discussed funding a Regional Fire Department Storage Building.

### July 27, 2020 - Meeting with Vilna: (Craig)

• Discussed the idea of amalgamation.

#### July 28, 2020 - Council Departmental Meeting: (All Council)

- Approved to advertise for a Secondary Trapper to assist with additional beaver trapping to abate flooding and washouts on County roads.
- Approved to advertise for sale County-Owned Land: Plan 314HW, Block 4, Lot 15.
- Approved to advertise for tender, surplus County equipment.
- Acknowledged Alberta Transportation's commitment to fund 50% of the cost, up to the maximum amount of \$100,000 for the remediation of the former Waskatenau Nuisance Ground.
- Approved to proceed, at no cost to the County, with a Public Land Sale (PLS) Application as a co-applicant with the Metis Nation of Alberta (MNA) or its designate, for the Crown Land (Grazing Permit #787758) encompassed within the North Part of River Lot 10 (Victoria Settlement)
- Approved to purchase an add-on package from our website provider to host micro-websites through the County Website for non-profit organizations within the Smoky Lake County Region.
- Acknowledged Smoky Lake County's Victoria Economic Development Strategy has been chosen to be presented at the 2020 Association for Preservation Technology (APT) / National Trust (NT) Joint Conference for Canada.
- Approved to advertise the County's draft 5-Year Financial Plan to encourage Public Input.
- Approved to offer \$13,000 to purchase the Waste Transfer Site in Spedden.
- Approved to provide a letter of support to the Town of Smoky Lake in proposing to rezone the lands legally described as Plan 8621882; Lot 1, Smoky Lake, from "Institutional District" to "Residential High-Density District".

## July 30, 2020 - Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Working Group: (Craig)

Discussed: creating a condensed version of the Strategy, providing a letter of support to Métis
Crossing for potentially managing the Victoria Settlement, providing an update to Heritage
Board and Victoria Home Guard, creating a diagram of groups involved in the community,
drafting the Business Plan, and sending the Business Plan for review by Provincial
Representatives.

#### July 30, 2020 - Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) Meeting: (Craig & Lorne)

- Received a presentation from Alberta Health Services, RhPAP, Lakeland Primary Care Network, and Primary Care Network - North Zone, in regard to the Alberta Healthy Community Initiative.
- Recommend that each respective municipality have further discussion on a possible Healthy Community Initiative Committee.

#### August 6, 2020 - Rural Municipalities of Alberta District 5 Meeting: (All Council)

 Discussed the impact of the Assessment Model Review and the proposed changes for oil and gas properties, with respect to the negative impacts.

#### August 10, 2020 - Council Meeting & Public Hearing for Bylaw 1381-20: (All Council)

- Gave final readings to Bylaw No. 1381-20: a Bylaw to Amend Land Use Bylaw 1272-14 to
  provide definitions for a range of accommodation types, and to allow for these accommodation
  types to be located within the Victoria Commercial (C2) District, Hamlet General (HG) District,
  and Highway Commercial (C1) District, as Permitted or Discretionary Uses.
- Agreed to proceed with the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the old Waskatenau Nuisance Grounds Reclamation and Remediation Plan 5225CL; OT (Pt. SE-16-59-19-W4M).
- Agreed to Sponsor \$200 cash and give \$50 County Promo items towards the Annual Charity Golf Tournament scheduled for August 30, 2020, at the Smoky Lake Town & Country Golf Course.

#### August 11, 2020 - Committee of the Whole, Administration Meeting: (All Council)

 Discussed a Personnel Issue in Executive Session, regarding the Collective Agreement between Smoky Lake County and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 955, under the authority of FOIP Act: Section 27: Privileged Information.

#### August 12, 2020 - Assessment Meeting MLA Glen van Dijken: (Craig, Randy)

- Impact of the Government of Alberta Assessment Review on Municipalities.
- Discussion on Police Funding.
- Discussion on Agriculture disaster.

#### August 13, 2020 - Victoria District Economic Development Strategy Working Group: (Craig)

- Received an updated timetable for Key Activities towards implementing the strategy.
- Agreed to engage the Hutterite Colony to determine the extent of Colony's desire to become involved in the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy.
- Agreed to provide Information Releases on the County website to communicate the progress of Victoria District Economic Development Strategy to the Public approximately every 6 weeks.

#### August 14, 2020 - Committee of the Whole: (All Council)

• Local 955 Collective Agreement review.

### August 17, 2020 - Tri-Council Meeting with Town of Smoky Lake & Métis Crossing: (All Council)

- Received an update on the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) Métis Crossing Solar project.
- Received a presentation from the Alberta Community and Cooperatives Association (ACCA) on Investment Co-operatives.
- Received an update on the MNA's Nekinan residence in the former nursing home in Smoky Lake.
- Received an update from Métis Crossing on the road allowance, Lot 10 public lands, lodge, and bison paddocks.
- Received 3.9 Million towards 4.86 MW solar project construction starts August 2021 for completion by April 2022.
- Construction on the 40-suite hotel begins September 2020 to be completed by August 2021.

## August 18, 2020- County Fire Protective Meeting held Virtually: (All Council)

 Approve a funding formula of a 60/40 split, being 60% County and 40% Town to fund a proposed \$400,000 project: Regional Fire Department Storage Building, which would be built adjacent to existing fire hall in Smoky Lake.

## August 18, 2020 - County Agricultural Service Board Meeting held Virtually: (All Council)

- Received the 2020 Updates for Pest Monitoring, Weed Inspections, Mowing Progress & spraying.
- Approve to invite Minister of Agricultural and Forestry, to tour Smoky Lake County for the purpose of understanding the full impact of the devastating state of agriculture in our region in respect to the Municipal Agricultural Disaster declared on June 25, 2020.

## August 18, 2020 - County Natural Gas Meeting held Virtually: (All Council)

- Received the Natural Gas Rates for July and August.
- Discussed the Natural Gas Manager's Report of activities.

# August 18, 2020 - County Environmental Operations Meeting held Virtually: (All Council)

- Received an update on the costs to date of the Warspite Water and Sewage Lift Station upgrades.
- Approved participating in the Alberta Recycling Registered Electronics Municipal Collection Site Pilot Program.
- Discussed the Spedden Waste Transfer Site land and agreed to counteroffer \$14,500 to purchase the parcel.

August 19, 2020 - Northern Lights Library Executive Meeting: (Craig)

- Received Committee Reports & Executive Director Report.
- Discussed Plan of Service Questionnaire.
- AUMA Resolution Village of Ryley on Library Act Review.
- Received the Financial Update.
- The Election will be held this fall for committee members and executive.

Sincerely.

Craig Lukinuk, Smoky Lake County Reeve

## Reeve's Report

1079-20: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Reeve's Report received for the period of June 19, 2020 to August 19, 2020, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

## 11:40 to 11:40 a.m.

## **Public Question and Answer Period:**

None

## **Issues for Information:**

## **Manager's Reports:**

#### **Public Works Shop Foreman**

## Public Works Surplus Equipment Sale: Unit 118 - 2007 black Chevrolet Tahoe

1080-20: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County accept the bid received in the amount of \$1,200.00 from Craig Lukinuk for County Surplus Equipment identified as Unit 118, described as a 2007 black Chevrolet Tahoe, 1,500LT 4x4,

Serial Number 1GNFK13037R256359.

Carried.

## Public Works Surplus Equipment Sale: Unit 228 - 1999 Polaris Ranger 6x6 ATV

1081-20: Orichowski

That Smoky Lake County accept the bid received in the amount of \$1,800.00 from Robert Cousins for County Surplus Equipment identified as Unit 228, described as a 1999 green Polaris Ranger 6x6 ATV, Serial Number 4XARF50A2XD070833.

Carried.

# Public Works Surplus Equipment Sale: Unit 908 - 120 Gallon Horizontal Air Compressor

1082-20: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County accept the bid received in the amount of \$301.00 from Ryden Shapka for County Surplus Equipment identified as Unit 908, described as a 1993, 120 Gallon Horizontal Air Compressor, Model C1023E120H, 10HP, 3 Phase Motor, Serial Number P0265085.

Carried.

# **Safety Officer**

## Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred by Employee – County Truck Stolen Incident

1083-20: Orichowski

That Smoky Lake County reimburse the County Employee who was pepper sprayed by criminals who then stole the County vehicle they were using during July 2020, for personal expenses incurred which are not covered by the County's insurance, including the costs to tow the employees personal vehicle to a dealership to have the vehicle re-keyed, the re-keying fee and the driver's license replacement fee, as the employees personal keys and wallet were stolen along with the County Unit.

# Planning & Development Manager

## **County Council Meeting**

1084-20: Orichowski

That a Smoky Lake <u>County Council Meeting</u> be scheduled for Tuesday, **September 1, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**, to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 **and** in County Council Chambers for the purpose of addressing the former Waskatenau Nuisance Grounds Request for Proposal.

Carried.

## **Manager's Reports**

1085-20: Cherniwchan

That the Smoky Lake County Management Reports received for the period between June 21, 2020 to August 21, 2020 from; Doug Ponich, Public Works Manager; Bob Novosiwsky, Public Works Road Foreman; Dave Kully, Public Works Shop Foreman; Ed English, Bylaw Enforcement/Peace Officer/Parks and Recreation Manager; Carleigh McMullin, Agricultural Fieldman; Jordan Ruegg, Planning and Development Manager; Trevor Tychkowsky, Safety Officer Communications and GIS Department, be accepted and filed for information.

Carried.

## **Training Events – Reports**

There were no Reports received in respect to Management Policy Statement No. 01-M-41: Reporting on Training Events in the month of July - August 2020.

# **Meeting Recessed Meeting Reconvened**

Meeting recessed for Lunch, time 12:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened on a call to order by Reeve Craig Lukinuk at 1:00 p.m. in the presence of all Council members, the Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Planning and Development Manager, Planning and Development Assistant, Communications Technician, Community Economic Development Officer, Recording Secretary, one member of the public and one member of the media.

# 5. <u>Issues for Information:</u>

## **Committee Task Forces and Boards: Reports**

# **Alberta CARE (Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises)**

■ Alberta CARE (Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises) is scheduled for September 9-11, 2020 in pincher Creek, Alberta and the Annual General Meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2020 in Leduc, Alberta.

# **Corridor Communications Inc. (CCI) Wireless**

Addressed in the Reeve's Report.

# **Doctor Recruitment and Retention**

- No Report.
- Next Meeting at the Call of the Chairperson.

## **Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission**

- Meeting held on August 12, 2020 and addressed in Councillor Gawalko's written report:
  - Repairs required to under carriage of track loader.
  - Working on road repairs.
  - Waving the tipping fee on Town of St. Paul mulch as they can use it for cover.
  - Starting a 2-yesr pilot project on recycling small electronics.
  - SWANA Conference is scheduled for November 23-26, 2020 in Banff, Alberta.
  - Next Meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2020.

# Family & Community Support Services

■ No Report.

#### Fire and Rescue Liaison Committee

- Smoky Lake
- No Report.
- Vilna
- No Report.
- Waskatenau
  - Did not get the Grant for the Lean-to

#### **Government Liaison Committee**

Addressed in the Reeve's Report.

## **Assessment Model Review of Oil and Gas Properties**

1086-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council approve to host a meeting with Municipal Affairs Minister Honourable Tracy Allard who is consulting with municipalities from MLA Glenn van Dijken's Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock Constituency and the surrounding region on September 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to discuss the Assessment Model Review of Oil and Gas Properties, at a venue to be determined; and all Smoky Lake Council who can attend – attend.

Carried.

## Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission

- Meeting held on August 26, 2020 and addressed in Councillor Orichowski's written Report:
  - discussion on landowner compensation along Range Road 130. The Commission was not going to compensate for inconvenience. If there was a damage claim, then that would have to be dealt with through the contractor.
  - Also, verbal claim of vehicle washing expense due to dust suppressant applied to Range Road 130. Signs indicating fresh oil and speed reduction were in place and it would be up to the vehicle operator to drive accordingly.
  - White Fish Lake water line project still on track to complete by December 2020.
  - Motion made that Smoky Lake County as managing body for the Commission to appoint Brenda Adamson as interim Commission manager until the CAO position is filled. This will be brought to the next County Council meeting.
- Next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2020.

## Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission – Interim Manager

1087-20: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County appoint the Finance Manager: Brenda Adamson as the Interim Manager for the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission as recommended at the Commission's Meeting held on August 26, 2020, by Motion #064-20, and as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Commission and Smoky Lake County originally executed on January 1, 2019, which states: by mutual agreement, it is understood that Smoky Lake County will provide General Manager services; and, recommend Administration prepare an updated MOU after the County Chief Administrative Officer position has been fulfilled.

## Joint Health and Safety Committee

- Included in this agenda package: Meeting notes from June 19, 2020 and Minutes from August 13, 2020.
- Meeting held on August 13, 2020 and address in Councillor Halisky's written report:
  - From May 15, 2020 to August 10, 2020, 6 new employee orientations and 1 mental health training event took place.
  - It was asked that the Mental Health Training info be shared by the Safety Officer with the County Employees and Community.
  - Joint Health & Safety Committee approve that the Safety Officer determine which staff members will carry out the Formal Safety Inspections with him at the following locations: Public Works (New Shop), Public Works (Old Shop), Public Works Yard Out Buildings, Gas Bay. Agricultural Bay, Warspite Water Station, Bellis Water Station, Spedden Water Station, Smoky Lake Transfer Station, Bellis Transfer Station, Spedden Transfer Station, Main Office, Parks & Rec. Trailers 714 & 713, Bogdan's Pit, and Gravel Scale Shack.
  - There were 6 incidents reported for the period of May 15 to August 13, 2020:
    - 1. An Employee had a medical emergency while operating a tractor mower, a co-worker was able to bring the unit to a safe stop and called 911 WCB was notified the employee received medical attention in hospital and is doing well there was damage to a fence and minimal crop damage the County will repair the fence.
    - 2. A tractor mower Operator jumped off the unit twisting their right knee, felt pain, iced it, and was still sore the next day is seeking medical attention June 19, 2020 prevention would be to not jump.
    - 3. A hole in the front bottom bumper flare of a pickup truck Unit was discovered that was not detected during the previous day's walk around which was caused by an unknown force possible while driving in a field.
    - 4. The mower Unit caught the chain link fence on the Iron Horse Trail Bridge while passing over the bridge to cut grass, bending the chain link fence post as there was only 1 inch of clearance on each side to pass of the mower on the bridge there was no damage to mower.
    - 5. A truck Unit being loaded by a non-employee pushed the crate forward too much and made dents in front of the box.
    - 6. An Employee was sprayed with pepper spray and had the County truck stolen from them at the Bellis gas station the County vehicle recovered burnt.
  - Be mindful of School Buses running again as the first day of school is Monday, August 31, 2020.
  - Theft in the region has increased lately so please continue to ensure vehicle/equipment whether County owned or personal secured etc. and report all suspicious activities to the RCMP immediately.
  - Keep your mind on task, at all time, conduct hazard assessments, and report all incidents to help prevent loss.
  - We now have sandbags and sandbagger to be used for flooding which has been borrowed to Lac La Biche County to use.
  - Completed several onsite road inspections and have recommended new signage.
  - Next Meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2020.

## **Municipal Planning Commission**

- Addressed in the Reeve's Report.
- Next meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2020.

## **Northeast Alberta Information HUB**

No Report.

#### North East Muni-Corr. Ltd.

■ No Report.

## Northern Lights Library Board

Addressed in the Reeve's Report.

# **Policy Committee**

■ No Report.

#### R.C.M.P. Liaison Committee

- Next Meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.
- Included in this agenda package: Smoky Lake RCMP Police Report for April-June 2020; prepared July 13, 2020.
- Meeting held on August 13, 2020 and address in Councillor Halisky's written report:
  - Tina Chan Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment Commander discussed that drivers must comply with construction zone speed limits, County Bylaws that can be enforced by the RCMP must be available to the RCMP so she is going to reach out to the County Admin for the Bylaws, thieves are still out and about however they are getting apprehended so please continue to report suspicious activities. Police and Crisis Team PACT service was discussed however the closest mental health assistance would have to come from St. Paul which would delay the RCMP response time so this service would not work in our region.
  - A mock disaster was discussed such as a ground disturbance line contact but will hopefully be carried out in early 2021.
  - Erik Von Platen Fish and Wildlife Officer discussed that Fish and Wildlife is now under the Sheriffs Branch, they are busy enforcing boat safety and ATV use, hopefully get another officer in the Smoky lake and St. Paul Detachments and that he will share bear smart info with the County so it can be put on social media as there is a lot of bear encounters again this year.
  - Fire Chief Scott Franchuk thanked the RCMP and Victim Services for their support with the loss of the County CAO. He discussed that EMCON will be invited to a RCMP Liaison meeting to discuss their services as they now only move deceased wildlife off the road surface into the ditch which causes other hazards. AFFRACS tower was hit by lightning and a temporary tower was set up at the RCMP Detachment until service was repaired. Fire Department also was using the County drone to fly wetland areas and will notify RCMP prior to use due to dealing with potential public complaints. Water rescue services was discussed with assistance from Fish and Wildlife in getting access of a jet boat out of Edmonton and Athabasca if required. Fish and Wildlife also have Seadoos in Smoky lake if required for emergencies.
  - County Peace Officer stated that the Iron Horse Trail is very busy, and that Peace Officers can't enforce COVID issues.
  - Next RCMP liaison Meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 15, 2020 11am at County Chambers.

## **Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC)**

- Addressed in the Reeve's Report.
  - RCDC Action Lists Included in this agenda Package: April 6, 2020, May 4, 2020, June 10, 2020, and June 29, 2020.
- Next Meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2020.

## Virtual Entrepreneur Conference October 5-9, 2020

1088-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County approve to host the Virtual Entrepreneur Conference October 5-9, 2020, organized by St. Paul Community Futures in partnership with the Smoky Lake Region, out of the Conference Room in the County's Main Office, and allow use of the space for those individuals to view in the Conference in person if technologically unserviceable; in response to the letter received from Michelle Wright, Community Economic Development Officer, Smoky Lake Region, dated August 17, 2020.

Carried.

## **AllNet Micro-Website Request**

1089-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the request from the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) for the County to provide an AllNet basic micro-website through the County's website at no cost to RCDC, as per the letter received from Michelle Wright, Community Economic Development Officer, Smoky Lake Region, RCDC dated August 17, 2020.

Carried.

## **Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee**

■ No Report.

## **Risk-Pro Control Management Committee**

- Added Named Insured Minutes Received:
  - None.

## **Smoky Lake Community Daycare Co-operative Committee**

Addressed in the Reeve's Report.

## **Smoky Lake Foundation**

No Report.

## **Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee**

- Address in the Reeve's Report.
- Next regular meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2020.

## **Smoky Lake Heritage Board**

• Included in this agenda package: Minutes from May 26, 2020.

# Municipal Historic Resource Designation of the Rubuliak Ukrainian House

1090-20: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County approve to issue a 60-Day Notice of Intention to Designate the Rubuliak Ukrainian House located on the lands legally described as Plan 9720834, Lot 2, as a Municipal Historic Resource in accordance with Section 26 of the Alberta Historical Resources Act, and in accordance with Smoky Lake County Policy 61.15.01: Designation of Municipal Historic Resources.

Carried.

# Joint Municipalities Meeting

1091-20: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County scheduled the next **Joint Municipalities Meeting** for Monday, September 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., and approve to host it virtually through the electronic platform: Zoom meeting.

## **Smoky Lake Agricultural Society**

- Next meeting will be scheduled at the call of Chairperson.

## **Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Committee**

- Thorhild County ICF Meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2020.
- Lamont County ICF Meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2020.

## Citizens-on-Patrol (C.O.P.) Association

- Meeting held on August 13, 2020 and address in Councillor Halisky's written report:
  - RCMP was not in attendance for the meeting however it was discussed that crime is still occurring and to continue to report suspicious activities to help prevent crime etc.
  - Fish and Wildlife Officer(s) were not present.
  - Financial statement was presented with all in good standing.
  - Members discussed COP patrols and documenting the patrols using the existing tracking form.
  - Members discussed recruitment of new members and who does what to who and how.
  - ID Cards will be ordered from a vendor in Redwater.
  - COP signs are being looked at/ordered with consultation from other COP Committees such as St. Paul.
  - COP Admin to fill out Insurance questionnaire for members insurance.
  - Meat Raffle tickets / draw was discussed for fundraising and all seems to be going well.
  - Thank you from the County to the COP Committee for the loss of the County CAO was acknowledged.
  - Next COP Meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 15, 2020 7-9pm at Bellis Curling Rink.

## **Committee Task Force and Board Reports**

1092-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County's Committee Task Force and Board Reports presented by Councillors as of August 27, 2020, be accepted for information.

Carried.

# **Correspondence:**

# Aspen View Schools - H.A. Kostash School Replacement Project

1093-20: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the Aspen View Public Schools meeting notes from August 12, 2020, in regard to the H.A. Kostash School Replacement Project.

Carried.

## Mons Lake – Trailer Complaint

1094-20: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County deny the request to allow four trailers on one lot at Mons Lake, as requested in the letter received from Cindy and Doug Andruik, dated June 21, 2020; and provide Mr. and Mrs. Andruik a reply in regard to adhering to the current County Land Use Bylaw and amendments thereto, and that changes to the said bylaw may be considered by Council at a future Council Meeting.

## **Opposition to the Proposed Provincial Assessment Model Changes**

1095-20: Orichowski

That Smoky Lake County provide a letter of support in response to the correspondence received from Cindy Millar, Chief Administrative Officer, Northern Sunrise County, dated July 28, 2020 in regard to an invitation to attend a demonstration at the Alberta Legislature Building on July 30, 2020, in opposition of the proposed Provincial Assessment Model Review of Oil and Gas Properties, in lieu of Council not attending the said event in person.

Carried.

#### **Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)**

1096-20: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the following Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) publication documents and correspondence in regard to the 2020 Provincial Assessment Model Review, including:

- Position Statement,
- Impacts Report,
- Outcomes Summary,
- Summary of Alternative Industry Support Approaches,
- Summary of Changes to Depreciation,
- Ratepayer Resource Document, and
- a letter from Al Kemmere, President, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, dated July 13, 2020, urging Councils to advocate to their local MLAs for the Government of Alberta to not use the assessment system as an industry competitiveness tool and not support industry on the backs of municipalities.

Carried.

#### Alberta Council on Aging - International Day of Older Persons

1097-20: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County declare October 1, 2020 as "International Day of Older Persons" to emphasize the value of seniors and raise awareness about the inequities and barriers older adults face: "Let's Stop Agism", in response to the correspondence received from Jessica Kinsella, Volunteer Coordinator, Alberta Council on Aging, dated August 1, 2020.

Carried.

## Travel Lakeland/Alberta's Iron Horse Trail

1098-20: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County approve action taken by Administration in Promoting the Iron Horse Trail 10 Year Strategic Development Plan Survey with a closing date of August 13, 2020 as requested in the email correspondence from Marianne Janke, Travel Lakeland/Alberta's Iron Horse Trail, dated July 30, 2020; and approve action taken by Council in attending the Alberta's Iron Horse Trail 10 Year Strategic Development Plan virtual consultation meeting held on August 26, 2020.

Carried.

## Alberta Development Officers Week

1099-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County proclaim September 20 to 26, 2020 as Alberta Development Officers Week to recognize sound development and planning practices and the contribution made by Development Officers to the quality of development within our community and environment.

Carried.

Thank You's

None received

#### **Information Releases**

1100-20: Orichowski

That following correspondence released to Smoky Lake County Council in accordance with Policy Statement No. 01-28-01: Regular County Council Meeting: Issues for Information and Information Releases, for the month of July and August 2020, be **filed for information**:

- ➤ R38-20 Neil O'Shea, Superintendent, Aspen View Schools, dated June 18, 2020 Re: Re-scheduling meetings due to COVID-19 and appreciation of information sharing,
- ➤ R41-20 Shannon Stubbs, MP for Lakeland Re: COVID-19 Update,
- ➤ R42-20 RMA: Contact Newsletter: June 26, 2020,
- R43-20 RMA: Contact Newsletter: July 24, 2020,
- ➤ R44-20 Lisa Murphy, Executive Director, Lakeland Centre for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), dated July 20, 2020 Re: 2019-2020 Annual Report,
- > R45-20 RMA: Contact Newsletter: July 31, 2020,
- ➤ R46-20 Nelson Ching, Public Affairs, Canada West, TC Energy, dated August 13, 2020 Re: NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. 2018 Meter Stations and Laterals Abandonment Program,
- ➤ R49-20 Ukrainian Canadian Congress, dated August 13, 2020—Re: E-Bulletin,
- ➤ R51-20 Bob Beck, Chief Administrative Officer, Beaver County, dated August 20, 2020 Re: District 5 Resolutions,

and, Council **acknowledge receipt** of the following correspondence released in accordance with same:

- ➤ R36-20 Mike Primeau, County Manager, Lac Ste Anne County, dated July 10, 2020 Re: Condolences,
- ➤ R37-20 Tammy Burke, Mayor, Town of Rocky Mountain House, dated June 17, 2020 Re: Letter of Support for Inter-Provincial Nomination of the North Saskatchewan River for the Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS),
- ➤ R39-20 Glenda Farnden, Sr. Municipal Relations Liaison, STARS Foundation, dated July 29, 2020—Re: Thank-you for devotion to STARS Foundation,
- ➤ R40-20 Andrew Pillman, Director, Permitting and Approvals, TRANS Permitting Approvals, dated July 29, 2020—Re: Commercial Carrier Permit Reduction,
- ➤ R47-20 Lars De Pauw, Executive Director, Orphan Well Association, dated July 20, 2020 Re: 2019/20 Orphan Well Association (OWA) Annual Report,
- R48-20 Letters Regarding Assessment Model Changes for Oil and Gas: County of Newell, Lac Ste. Anne County, Municipal District of Bonnyville / Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager, Smoky Lake County, dated August 7, 2020 Re: Analysis of the Impact of Assessment Changes/ Craig Lukinuk, Reeve, Smoky Lake County, dated August 12, 2020 Re: Letter to Glen Van Dijken, MLA for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock concerning impact of Assessment model changes to Smoky Lake County,
- ➤ R50-20 Letter of Support for Inter-Provincial Nomination of the North Saskatchewan River for the Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS): Town of Rocky Mountain House.

## 10. Bills & Accounts:

1101-20: Orichowski

That all the Smoky Lake County Bills and Accounts approved for payment, including the bills and accounts recommended for payment by the Natural Gas Council, and including transfers to the Payroll Account, be filed for information:

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Batch #	Cheque Numbers	Total of Batch
50050	49595 to 49696	\$21,147.59
50062	49697 to 49709	\$133,679.81
50078	49710 to 49824	\$13,969.84
50164	49825 to 49856	\$154,186.77
50193	49857 to 49887	\$254,932.23
50241	49888 to 49898	\$553,540.96
50292	49899	\$10,233.77
50337	49900 to 49931	\$63,289.43
50387	49932 to 49956	\$71,657.39
50415	49957 to 49960	\$67,200.68
50503	49961 to 49995	\$54,769.37
50526	49996	\$7,938.74
50550	49997 to 50023	\$137,825.98
50562	50024 to 50028	\$200,062.75
50566	50029	\$632.31
50642	50030 to 50053	\$44,761.83
50643	50054 to 50057	\$52,730.04
50693	50058 to 50079	\$68,400.17
50788	50080 to 50121	\$201,967.23

Total Cheques from 49594 to 50121

\$2,112,926.89

## **Direct Debit Register**

Batch #	Description	Total of Batch
50195	My HAS	\$552.50
50271	Smoky Lake County	\$368,794.47

**Total Direct Debits** 

\$369,346.97

**Grand Total Bills and Accounts** 

\$2,482,273.86

(Note: From General Account)

Carried.

## **Committee of the Whole - Administration**

1102-20: Cherniwchan That the next Smoky Lake **County Council Committee of the Whole** for the purpose of Administration - Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Recruitment be scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 and in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

# **Committee of the Whole - Administration**

1103-20: Gawalko

That the next Smoky Lake **County Council Committee of the Whole** for the purpose of Administration - Union Collective Agreement Review be scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 and in County Council Chambers.

# **County Council Organizational Meeting**

1104-20: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake <u>County Council Organizational Meeting</u> be scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 and in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

# **County Council Meetings**

1105-20: Halisky

That the next Smoky Lake <u>County Council Meetings</u> be scheduled for Thursday, **September 24, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**, and Thursday, **October 22, 2020** following the scheduled Organizational Meeting, to be held virtually, through Electronic Communication Technology as per Bylaw 1376-20 and in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

1106-20: Lukinuk

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of August 27, 2020, be adjourned, time 1:52 p.m..

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER