SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the County Council Committee of the Whole Meeting for the purpose of Administration of Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 9:04 A.M. held in County Council Chambers and virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting.

The meeting was called to Order by the Reeve Mr. Lorne Halisky, in the presence of the following persons:

		ATTENDANCE			
Div. No.	Councillor(s)	Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021			
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers			
2	Linda Fenerty	Present in Chambers			
3	Dominique Cere	Present in Chambers			
4	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers			
5	Jered Serben	Present in Chambers			
CAO	Gene Sobolewski	Present in Chambers			
Assistant CAO	Lydia Cielin	Present Virtually			
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present Virtually			
Legislative Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Present Virtually			
Plan. & Dev. Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Present Virtually			
Plan. & Dev. Assistant	Kyle Schole	Present Virtually			
Comm. Ec. Dev. Officer	Michelle Wright	Present Virtually			

No Member of the Media was present.

Two Members of the Public were present.

Delegation: Tony Sefton, Vision XS CEO, was virtually present.

2. Agenda:

99-21: Serben

That the Agenda for the Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole Meeting for the purpose of Administration, for December 7, 2021, be adopted, as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

No Minutes.

7. <u>Delegation:</u>

Tony Sefton, Vision XS CEO

Virtually present before Council from 9:08 a.m. to 10:28 a.m. was Tony Sefton, Vision XS CEO, to provide an update and orientate the new Elected Officials on the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy project and provide answers to Councils' questions, which included but was not limited to the following:

Where and how are we expected to raise \$50 million?

• It is outlined in the Business Plan which shows a return for investment at 7-8% and we would be selling shares in the corporation.

How many tourists are needed per year to make this viable?

• Approximately 80,000 visitors per year.

Where else has an attraction loop like the one proposed, been built?

- It is copied from a successful project in Austria.
- Another successful example would be the "Ring of Kerry" in Ireland.

Has any consideration been given to winter activities?

• Yes, events will be spread throughout the year, some will be inside and some outside, for example: food festivals, dog sledding, snow shoeing, star watching, tobogganing, sledding, etc.

Does each entity have the \$600,000.00 available and ready to invest?

• We expect it will be, the processes are set up and legislation is in place. We haven't determined the loan payback period however it is being worked out in the current Business Plan.

The main goal of this project is to bring more taxable assessment to the County and develop new sources of income for long term sustainability.

Tony Sefton, Vision XS CEO, virtually left the meeting, time 10:29 a.m.

STARS (Shock Trauma and Rescue Services)

Virtually present before Council from 10:38 a.m. to 11:06 a.m. was Glenda Farnden, Senior Municipal Relations Liaison, STARS (Shock Trauma and Rescue Services) to provide the following presentation:





THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

IDENTIFY EFFICIENCIES

Operational
Fund-raising
Downsized staff in affected areas

STARS LOTTERY

Single-largest funding source for STARS
2021 Lottery Sold Out
2022 Lottery Sold Out
2022 Lottery launches in January

STARS CALENDAR CAMPAIGN
Decreased revenue-inability to travel
New municipal partnerships
Calendars for sale at Town Offices in AB.

PIVOT TO SAFE ONLINE EVENTS
Unforeseeable future for mainstay events
Rural communities host online Sof/So's & rat
New Multi-Provincial Radiothons / Online G

PRO-ACTIVE ACTION WE ARE ALL STARS





Smoky Lake COUNTY @ November 30, 2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	TOTAL
Near Caslan (within Smoky Lake County)					1	1
Near Gold Creek	1		1		1	3
Near Kikino					1	1
Saddle Lake FN			1	4	3	8
Smoky Lake Hospital (critical interfacility transfers)	7	6	7	8	10	38
Smoky Lake (scene calls)	2	6	5	6	3	22
Near Spedden			1		2	3
Near Vilna	1	2	1	1	1	6
Near Waskatenau	1					1
TOTAL (avg. 16 missions per year / \$86\$158K in service value)	12	14	16	19	22	83





Glenda Farnden, Senior Municipal Relations Liaison, STARS (Shock Trauma and Rescue Services), virtually left the meeting, time 11:06 a.m.

8. Executive Session (Addition to the Agenda):

Land and Legal Issue: Potential Campground Development

100-21: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council unanimously agree to the following Executive Session Addition to the December 7, 2021, Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda; and go into Executive Session, to discuss a Land and Legal Issue in regard to a potential campground development within Smoky Lake County, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 16: third party business interest, time 11:07 a.m., in the presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Office, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Manager, Planning and Development Assistant, and Legislative Services Clerk.

Carried.

Kyle Schole, Planning and Development Assistant, virtually left the meeting, time 11:57 a.m.

101-21: Gawalko That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 12:10 p.m.

Carried.

STARS (Shock Trauma and Rescue Services)

102-21: Jered

That Smoky Lake County Council **recommend** that the request from the December 7, 2021 Delegation: Glenda Farnden, Senior Municipal Relations Liaison, STARS (Shock Trauma and Rescue Services), of a one-time matching "fleet gift" to STARS, in the amount of \$5,000.00, be brought forward to the next Regular Council meeting for consideration.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

103-21: Serben

That the Smoky Lake County Council Committee of the Whole for the purpose of Administration Meeting of Tuesday, December 7, 2021, be adjourned, time 12:15 p.m..

Carried.

REEVE

SEAL

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER