



## **Reeve's Report**

### **February 6, 2023 to March 10, 2023**

February 7, 2023 – Policy Committee, in Chambers (All Council in-person)

- Reviewed:
  - Policy Statement No. 13-01 Surface Lease of Municipal Owned Properties.
  - Policy Statement No. 01-35: Flags Half Mast.
  - Policy Statement No. 03-35-12: Snow Clearing.
  - Policy Statement No. 03-40-04: Cold Weather – Equipment Mobilization.

February 8, 2023 – Medical Services Meeting, in Town of Smoky Lake Chambers (Lorne in-person)

- Discussion was held with District AHS Representatives on all types of Health Services such as mental health, addictions support, child services, domestic violence etc. that can be delivered out of the Smoky Lake and/or Vilna Health Centers or other owned/operated AHS Buildings in the Smoky Lake Region.
- Two cohort Registered Nurses are projected to come to/work out of the Smoky Lake Hospital in Q/4, 2023 which will help to keep all the 12 acute hospital beds open.
- .6 FTE Occupational Therapist is now working in the Smoky Lake Region focusing on youth work/therapy.
- RhPAP high school student Medical Skills event to be set up hopefully for 2023.
- Discussion/ working on Medical Training dual credited program for the Smoky Lake Region Schools.

February 8, 2023 – Doctor Retention & Recruitment - Medical Services Briefing + Meet & Greet, in Smoky Lake (All Council in-person)

- Met a potential new doctor for the Smoky Lake Region: Dr. Arian Esterhuizen and her family.

February 9, 2023 – Council Workshop Training, in Chambers (All Council in-person)

- Reviewed the administrative efficiencies that are being implemented for awareness of what to expect going forward.

February 13, 2023 – Whitefish Lake First Nation #128 Meeting, at their Band Office (All Council in-person)

- Discussed in respect to common concerns, interests, and potential partnership opportunities, including but not limited to a potential project for Range Road 130.

February 13, 2023 – Northeast Mayors, Reeves and Indigenous Leaders Caucus Strategy Discussion (Lorne virtually)

- Discussed with the lobbyist the final version of the strategy plan and appointed plan speakers.

February 14, 2023 – Council Departmental Meeting, in Chambers & Virtual (All Council in-person)

- Received reports from manager and departments on their activities.
- Approve to host a barbeque lunch event for the 2023 Farmers & Ranchers Appreciation Day, Friday, June 9, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Smoky Lake Agricultural Complex.

February 14, 2023 – Dr. Ret. & Rec. Meeting (Lorne in-person)

- Met with doctors to discuss/finalize new doctor logistics etc.

February 15, 2023 – Council Regular Meeting, in Chambers (All Council in-person)

- Authorized Lorne & Linda to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference & Trade Show, May 25-28, 2023 in Toronto Ontario.
- Adopted Policy Statement No. No. 02-36-01: Peace Officer Uniform and Equipment.



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- Approve to purchase a gift for the Town of Smoky Lake in celebration of their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Appointed external members to the Assessment Review Board.
- Gave final reading to Bylaw No. 1430-23: Planning & Development Public Hearing Procedures.
- Executed the FRIAA FireSmart Program Project Grant Agreement for \$40,000 towards the "Smoky Lake County Wildfire Mitigation Strategy for Lake Resort Communities".
- Approved \$6,000 towards the 3rd Annual Junior Firefighter Summer Day Camp 2023.
- Amended Policy Statement No. 13-01-03: Surface Lease of Municipally-Owned Properties.
- Approved to purchase memberships to Alberta Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) for the County Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and two Elected Officials for \$180 each and authorize Jered & Dominique to attend the 2023 AFCA Conference and Tradeshow, on May 28-31, 2023.
- Approved to expend up to \$109,255 from reserves for 2023 digital aerial photography for the County's GIS mapping system; and acknowledged the funds required may be in a less if the 2022-2023 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant application is successful.
- Approved the Doctor Retention & Recruitment Budget with a County contribution of \$14,640.
- Agreed to execute the 2023 Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) agreement for enhanced ag extension programming at a cost of \$55,000.
- Approved the CAO's Efficiencies Report, dated February 9, 2023 with 22 recommendations.
- Approved to compensate the CAO \$500/month for his work with the Hwy 28/63 RWSC, from funds received from the Commission as the managing partner.

February 15, 2023 – Bellis Board of Trade, in Bellis (Lorne in-person)

- Discussion on bringing water to the Hamlet of Bellis, potential health services for the Smoky Lake Region, potential Regional Fire Services, theft/crime prevention in Hamlet of Bellis/area, unsightly premises in Hamlet of Bellis, lobbying to open Smoky Lake Courthouse, lobbying for Highway 28 upgrades, Tourism/Oil & Gas/Ag/Forestry activities, new doctor coming to Smoky Lake Region, Veterinary vacancy, Bellis Curling Rink upgrades and the Drive Happiness Program in the Smoky Lake Region.

February 16, 2023 – Brownlee LLP's Emerging Trends in Municipal Law, virtual from Council Chambers (Lorne, Linda, Jered and Dominique in-person)

- Topics presented included:
  - Constructive Takings. The Impact of Annapolis on Municipal Authority to Regulate Lands
  - Complex Developments – Alberta is Calling – Local Economic Development
  - Man the Ship – Cybersecurity Breaches in the Public Sector Making Waves
  - Even Miracles Take a Little Time – Sometimes Land Takes Longer
  - Case Law and Legislative Update

February 16, 2023 – RCMP KMOSS Meeting (Lorne in-person)

- Met with RCMP Members to discuss a new RTALK system replacing the KMOSS system for after hours RCMP Service for Detachments without 24-hour coverage. This new system has a trained dedicated team following operating procedures with better/consistent communication/service with future support services such as mental health etc.

February 17, 2023 – Northeast Alberta HUB, in St. Paul (Lorne in-person)

- Three new HUB Members were introduced (Frog Lake First Nation, Athabasca County and Aerium Analytics).



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- HUB Executive Director went over the operations plan/ budget announcing that the Government of Alberta funded \$125, 000 to all 9 REDA's across the province. NRED Grant was applied for by the HUB.
- Treasure went over the budget including a GIC update with all in good standing.
- Travel Alberta gave a presentation on Tourism Priorities with the Northeast being one of them being called the Northeast – Lakelands.

February 21, 2023 – Council Special Meeting, in Chambers (All Council in-person)

- Council agreed to accept the Smoky Lake Food Bank as an Additional Named Insured through RMA Insurance Agencies under the County's Insurance Umbrella. This was a special meeting to accommodate timing of a grant application made by the food bank and the grant requirement for insurance.

February 21, 2023 – Agricultural Service Board, in Chambers (All Council in-person)

- Reviewed & recommended Policy Statement No. 62-10-08: Agricultural Service Board Business Plan, be amended by County Council.
- Received a verbal update from the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA).
- Agreed to host the Northern Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference on Nov. 3, 2023.

February 21, 2023 – Municipal Planning Commission, in Chambers & Virtual (All Council in person)

- Approved Development Permit No. 002-23: PLAN 0722038, BLOCK 1, LOT 1 (PT. SW-26-59-13-W4M) for a Kennel (Animal Breeding and/or Boarding Facility), subject to conditions.

February 22, 2023 – You Make the Difference Campaign, Smoky Lake Curling Rink (Lorne, Dominique & Jered in-person)

- The region of Smoky Lake has received a timely opportunity to partner with Ian Hill; a humanitarian, business leader and social innovator. The 2023 YMTD Rural Community Action Campaign Tour, powered by Ian Hill (The Changing Point), is a creative approach to engage, inspire, and equip the people that make a difference in our communities.
- A key element of the campaign is "100 cups of Coffee", which aims to align community influencers around common vision and goals.

February 23, 2023 – Alberta Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization, (Lorne virtually)

- Tourism initiatives were discussed such as partnerships with Kalyna Country, Travel Alberta and municipalities.
- Budget was discussed with all in good standing.
- Brand identity and feature landing pages are being refined.
- Travel Alberta Tourism Development Zone Strategy for the Northeast is being worked on.

February 25, 2023 – Ukrainian Twinning Gala (Lorne, Linda & Dan in-person)

- Attended the gala representing the Ukrainian Twinning Committee and County.

February 27, 2023 – County Strategic Plan Open House, in Chambers & Virtual (All Council in-person)

- Presented the draft Strategic Plan for 2023-2025 and received public feedback.



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February 28, 2023 – Government of Alberta Question Period and 2023 Budget Release at Parliament Building with MLA (Lorne in-person)

- Attended Question Period and the 2023 Budget Release with the MLA, representing the County and Region, building relationships, partnerships etc.

March 1, 2023 – GOA Municipal Affairs Town Hall (Lorne by phone)

- Attended the Municipal Portion of the Budget Release discussing MSI, LGFF, STIP, Library Funding etc.

March 1, 2023 – Alberta Council GOA Budget Release Session (Lorne, Dan, Dominique & Linda virtually)

- Attended this session to gain a better understanding of the 2023 Budget from a different perspective with Alberta Council stating there is nothing really different from the 2022 budget. However, one must look at all the budget details for precise details.

March 7, 2023 – RCMP Liaison Committee, in Chambers (Lorne & Linda in-person)

- Discussed Emergency Preparedness Day event during EP Week 2023: May 7 to 13 which is scheduled for Friday, May 5 11am to 2pm with a mental health, cyber security and property security theme.
- RCMP reported that the member complement is full, Emcon Highway Maintenance Contractor Signs are needed in our Region, Victim Services in Smoky Lake has dissolved and is now serviced out of Lac La Biche and they are looking for a local rep. and, a new administrator is starting who has court experience which is a great asset.
- Fish & Wildlife - Sheriff reported that there was no/is no major issues/calls recently, all their vehicles and uniforms will have new decals and wildlife mainly deer are damaging hay bales in the region.
- Smoky Lake Fire Department is looking to partner with Fish & Wildlife - Sheriff for UTV/ATV training and a basic 101 water safety/rescue course.
- Smoky Lake County CPO reported just minor issues dealing mainly with dogs and is gearing up the CPO truck and uniform.

March 7, 2023 – Event Engagement with Local Entrepreneur (Lorne in-person)

- Attended an event to build relationships, partnerships etc. for regional tourism, business development etc.

March 6, 7 & 10 2023 – Public Works Manager Interviews, in Chambers (Lorne in-person)

- Attended 5 interviews for the Public Works Manager Position.

March 8, 2023 – Economic Development Association EDA – Ask an Expert Session (Lorne virtually)

- Discussed the importance of economic development including a committee in rural.
- FOCUS (Fun/Fellowship, Organizational/Operational Clarity, Connectiveness/Communication, Understanding Roles/Opportunities, Satisfaction/Significance/Success).



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March 9, 2023 – Hwy 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission, in Chambers & Virtual (Lorne & Dan in-person)

- Received the regular financial, manager, & engineer reports.
- Adopted the 2022 Financial Statements.

March 9, 2023 – Alberta HUB Meeting (Lorne virtually)

- Discussed Economic Development for the region including the Regional Community Development Committee RCDC function, Community Economic Development Officer CEDO Position etc.

For more information, please visit the Smoky Lake County Website under Council Meeting Minutes and Agendas. [www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca](http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca)

Yours Truly,  
Lorne Halisky, Smoky Lake County Reeve, and Councillor Division 4