



**Public Hearing Bylaw No. 1486-25**  
**Public Hearing Date: September 11, 2025**  
**Public Hearing Time: 1:00 p.m.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING BACKGROUND**

**PROPOSED BYLAW NAME & NO.:** Bylaw 1486-25: A Bylaw to close all those portions of the Government Road Allowance lying west of W ½ 7-61-18-W4M & to consolidate said closed portions with said lands

**APPLICANT:** Lyle Karvonen

**PROPOSAL:** A Bylaw of Smoky Lake County, in the Province of Alberta for the purpose of closing to public travel, disposing of, and consolidating with the lands legally described as NW 7-61-18-W4M & SW 7-61-18-W4M, all those portions of undeveloped Government Road Allowance adjacent to the west of said lands

## **BACKGROUND:**

- On July 15, 2025, Smoky Lake County administration received an application to close the aforementioned undeveloped Government Road Allowance and to consolidate those portions with the said lands.
- Proposed Bylaw No. 1486-25 was presented for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading on **August 28, 2025**.
- Notice of the proposed Bylaw No. 1486-25 was circulated to affected agencies for comment on **September 3, 2025**. Responses from said agencies is attached.
- A Notice has also been posted on the County's website since **September 3, 2025**.
- The Public Hearing Notices were advertised in the Redwater Review the week of **September 1, 2025** and the week of **September 8, 2025**. The Hearing on the proposed Bylaw No. 1486-25 was advertised and Notice was given in accordance with Section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act*.
- This Hearing has been scheduled to obtain public input on proposed Bylaw No.1486-25 in accordance with Section 216.4 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Draft Bylaw No.1486-25
2. Relevant Legislation
3. Notice of Public Hearing

**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
BYLAW NO. 1486-25**

**A BYLAW OF SMOKY LAKE COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING TO PUBLIC TRAVEL AND DISPOSING OF PORTIONS OF A PUBLIC HIGHWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, CHAPTER M-26, REVISED STATUTES OF ALBERTA 2000, AS AMENDED.**

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**WHEREAS**, the lands hereafter described are no longer required for public travel,

**AND WHEREAS**, application has been made to Council to have the highway closed,

**AND WHEREAS**, the Council of Smoky Lake County deems it expedient to provide for a bylaw for the purpose of closing to public travel and thereafter disposing of same,

**AND WHEREAS**, notice of intention of Council to pass a bylaw has been given in accordance with Section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Chapter M-26, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, as amended,

**AND WHEREAS**, Council was not petitioned for an opportunity to be heard by any person claiming to be prejudicially affected by the bylaw,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of Smoky Lake County in the Province of Alberta does hereby close to public travel and dispose of the following described roadway for the purpose of creation of two certificates of title (disposal), subject to any rights of access granted by any other legislation or regulation:

1. Range Road 190, approximately 805 meters in length, adjacent to the west boundary of N.W. ¼ Sec. 7-61-18 W.4M, containing 1.62 hectares (4.0 acres) more or less, as shown in the attached Schedule “A” for clarity.
2. Range Road 190, approximately 795 meters in length, adjacent to the west boundary of S.W. ¼ Sec. 7-61-18 W.4M, and bounded in the south by the projection west of the north boundary of Road Plan 2533EU, containing 1.60 hectares (4.0 acres) more or less, as shown in the attached Schedule “B” for clarity.

**3. Citation**

1. This Bylaw may be cited as “Road Closure – Karvonen – portion of Range Road 190 amalgamated with NW-7-61-18-W4M & SW-7-61-18-W4M.

This Bylaw shall come into force and have effect from and after the date of third reading thereof.

Received First Reading this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reeve

Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Approval valid for \_\_\_\_\_ months

\_\_\_\_\_  
Minister of Transportation  
Seal

Received Second Reading this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Received Third Reading this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reeve  
Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer

Bylaw 1486-25: Road Closure – Undeveloped Government Road Allowance; NW & SW 7-61-18-W4M

**SCHEDULE “A”**  
**BYLAW NO. 1486-25**

Land Subject to Road Closure:

Range Road 190, approximately 805 m in length, adjacent to the west boundary of N.W. ¼ Sec. 7-61-18 W.4M. containing 1.62 ha (4.0 ac) more or less.



to amalgamate with

MERIDIAN 4 RANGE 18 TOWNSHIP 61  
SECTION 7  
QUARTER NORTH WEST  
EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS  
AREA: 64.3 HECTARES (159 ACRES) MORE OR LESS

**SCHEDULE “B”**  
**BYLAW NO. 1486-25**

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to amalgamate with

THE SOUTH WEST QUARTER OF SECTION SEVEN (7)  
TOWNSHIP SIXTY ONE (61)  
RANGE EIGHTEEN (18)  
WEST OF THE FOURTH MERIDIAN  
CONTAINING 64.3 HECTARES (159 ACRES) MORE OR LESS.  
EXCEPTING THEREOUT:  
0.806 HECTARES (1.99 ACRES) MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN  
ON ROAD PLAN 2355EU.  
EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS  
AND THE RIGHT TO WORK THE SAME



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## RELEVANT LEGISLATION

### **ROAD CLOSURES**

#### *Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000*

**Section 18(1)** Subject to this or any other Act, a municipality has the direction, control and management of all roads within the municipality.

**Section 22(1)** No road in a municipality that is subject to the direction, control and management of the municipality may be closed except by bylaw.

(2) A bylaw closing a road must be advertised.

(3) A bylaw closing a road made by the Council of a municipality that is not a city has no effect unless it is approved by the Minister of Transportation before the bylaw receives second reading.

(4) Before passing a bylaw closing a road, a person who claims to be affected prejudicially by the bylaw or that person's agent must be given the opportunity to be heard by the Council.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### *Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000*

**216.4(1)** When this or another enactment requires council to hold a public hearing on a proposed bylaw or resolution, the public hearing must be held, unless another enactment specifies otherwise,

(a) before second reading of the bylaw, or

(b) before council votes on the resolution.

(2) If a public hearing is held on a proposed bylaw or resolution, council must conduct the hearing during a regular or special meeting of council.

(3) A council by bylaw establishes procedures for public hearings.

(4) In the public hearing, council

(a) must hear any person, group of persons, or person representing them, who claims to be affected by the proposed bylaw or resolution and who has complied with the procedures outlined by the council, and

(b) may hear any other person who wishes to make representations and whom the council agrees to hear.

(5) After considering the representations made to it about a proposed bylaw or resolution at a public hearing and after considering any other matter it considers appropriate, council may

- (a) pass the bylaw or resolution,
- (b) make any amendment to the bylaw or resolution it considers necessary and proceed to pass it without further advertisement or hearing, or
- (c) defeat the bylaw or resolution.

(6) The minutes of the council meeting during which a public hearing is held must record the public hearing to the extent directed by council.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVERTISING**

### **Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000**

**606(1)** The requirements of this section apply when this or another enactment requires a bylaw, resolution, meeting, public hearing or something else to be advertised by a municipality, unless this or another enactment specifies otherwise.

(2) Notice of the bylaw, resolution, meeting, public hearing or other thing must be

- (a) published at least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in at least one newspaper or other publication circulating in the area to which the proposed bylaw, resolution or other thing relates, or in which the meeting or hearing is to be held, or
- (b) mailed or delivered to every residence in the area to which the proposed bylaw, resolution or other thing relates, or in which the meeting or hearing is to be held.

(3) A notice of a proposed bylaw must be advertised under subsection (2) before second reading.

(4) A notice of a proposed resolution must be advertised under subsection (2) before it is voted on by council.

(5) A notice of a meeting, public hearing or other thing must be advertised under subsection (2) at least 5 days before the meeting, public hearing or thing occurs.

(6) A notice must contain

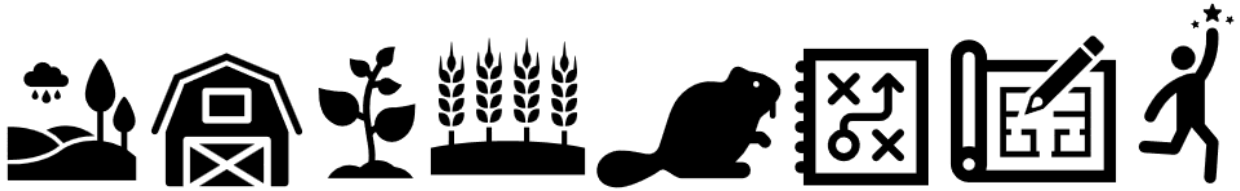
- (a) a statement of the general purpose of the proposed bylaw, resolution, meeting, public hearing or other thing,
- (b) the address where a copy of the proposed bylaw resolution or other thing, and any document relating to it or to the meeting or public hearing may be inspected,
- (c) in the case of a bylaw or resolution, an outline of the procedure to be followed by anyone wishing to file a petition in respect of it, and
- (d) in the case of a meeting or public hearing, the date, time and place where it will be held.

(7) A certificate of a designated officer certifying that something has been advertised in accordance with this section is proof, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, of the matters set out in that certificate.

(8) The certificate is admissible as evidence without proof of the appointment or signature of the person who signed the certificate.



**Smoky Lake County  
NOTICE – PUBLIC HEARING  
on Proposed Bylaw #1486-25**



**TAKE NOTICE THAT** in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, the Council of Smoky Lake County is giving consideration of Bylaw #1486-25: A Bylaw to close and dispose of portions of Government Road Allowance.

**A Statutory Public Hearing will be held in relation to Bylaw 1486-25, both in-person *and* via videoconference on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter) at:** Smoky Lake County Council Chambers, 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0 or online:  
<https://video.businessconnect.telus.com/join/191952852> Meeting ID: 191952852 or via phone: 1-844-511-2074

**In-person Speakers:**

If you intend on participating in person, you are encouraged to pre-register for the Public Hearing by contacting Chyen Shaw at 780-656-3730.

**Speakers participating through Telus Business Connect videoconference:**

If you wish to speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you are asked to register 24 hours prior to the opening of the Public Hearing by contacting Chyen Shaw at 780-656-3730. This is to ensure that virtual participants receive instructions to access the videoconference.

**Requirements for all Speakers:**

All speakers will be given a 5-minute time limit and are encouraged to provide a written copy of their submission in advance of the Public Hearing.

**Written Submissions:**

All interested parties are encouraged to express their views by providing a written submission to Legislative Services by email at [cshaw@smokylakecounty.ab.ca](mailto:cshaw@smokylakecounty.ab.ca).

Persons wishing to view the Bylaw and/or the Public Hearing are invited to attend in person or view the Meeting at the County website at <http://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca> or view the Bylaw <https://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/notices>

**Questions? Contact:**

Jordan Ruegg Planning & Development Manager, Smoky Lake County at 780-650-5207 / [jruegg@smokylakecounty.ab.ca](mailto:jruegg@smokylakecounty.ab.ca)

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