



Councillor Report

Division: 3

Councillor\Reeves Report

Reporting Period: (April 7th - May 21st)

Council Meeting Date: April 7th-8th (All Council)

1. Strategic Planning 2026-2028

April 7th-8th (All Council)

- *Council had a Strategic Planning Workshop and revised the previous plan which ended in 2025 it was time for new council to prioritise our goals and objections for the upcoming term. This 2-day event was held in Council Chambers and to help council with our new Strategic Plan was*
- *The managers also had a Strategic Planning session for half a day to give input to what they have seen as priorities for the upcoming term which council also took into consideration this was also assisted b*

2. Special Council Meeting Budget

April 8th (All Council)

- *Council discussed the 2026 Road Plan brought forward by Brenda and Kyle. We made some changes to the road plan and then passed this draft plan for year 2026 a motion was made to incorporate the Road Plan into Policy Statement No, 03-18: Five -Year Road Plan. This draft will be brought forward to a future Council Meeting.*
- *2026 Municipal Capital Budget was discussed, and a motion was made That Smoky Lake County approve the year 2026 Municipal Capital budget, including the Capital Bridge Plan and the Capital Road Plan*
- *The 2026 Municipal Total Function Budget was brought forward by Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager and a motion was made by Council that The Smoky Lake County Council approve the balance Year -2026 Municipal Total Function Budget, with a total Revenue in the amount of \$22,901,754 and total expenditure in the amount of \$25,045,186 not including amortization in the amount of \$2,143,432*



3. Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth and Opportunities (NAAGO)

April 9th (Craig, Lorne)

- Discussion on the Terms of Reference v.2 with the entire board
- MLA Glen Van Dyken, Scott Ceer, Jackie Armstrong Homeniuk and Garth Roswell were in attendance
- Hwy 28 Subcommittee gave there report it was recommended that a Letter of Support for the Hwy 28 Corridor Project be written
- Healthcare Subcommittee gave a report on some initiatives they would like to bring to the Government of Alberta. The NAAGO board gave input as to what they thought were important topics to address with the Government if we were to get a meeting with the ministers of health
- Electricity Distribution Rate Subcommittee talked about fair Electricity Distribution and wants to lobby the Government to discuss how they may be able to help the Rural and Urban communities outside of the Major Cities
- June 11th is the next NAAGO meeting which will be held in Two Hills at 10:00am

4. Mayor's Breakfast in Honor of Mayor Dave McRae Redwater

April 10th (Craig, Lorne)

- Hon. Michael Cooper Member of Parliament was the guess speaker Honoring Mayor Dave McRae and Redwater with all there forward thinking like there Waste management Facility Expansion this enhances waste processing while improving turnaround times & the acceptance of a broader range of Hazardous & Non-Hazardous wastes
- Redwater is looking to secure 2 grants worth 15,000,000 to upgrade their sewer
- Hon. Dale Nally Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction also attended this event and talked what the province is doing to try and reduce Red Tape to make life easier for hard working Albertans and congratulated Redwater on there Waste Management Facility project



5. Annual Safety Meeting

April 10th (All Council)

- Attended the Annual Safety Meeting held in Bellis the guess speaker was ????????????? in the morning followed by a team building session in the afternoon

6. ASHA Convention

April 12th-15th (Jered, Craig)

- Please refer to Councillor Jered Serben Report

7. HWY 28/63 Regional Water Commission Board Meeting

April 13th (Lorne, Craig, Ryan)

- Please refer to Deputy Reeve Lorne Halisky Report

8. Joint Municipalities Meeting

April 13th (All Council)

- This meeting was held at the Warspite Hall we had two Delegations attend this meeting. Pine Creek Retreat presented a power point presentation by Clayton Didie. This power Point was based on Tourism Growth & Unification for the county
- The second delegation was Michelle Wright from Travel Lakeland, she presented a Power Point called Explore Lakeland this presentation was to inform our Region about this advertising opportunity at no cost to be involved promoting our Region
- A draft letter was presented to the committee regarding the closure of our Emergency Room. This letter will be sent to Hon. Adriana LaGrange Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services and will be signed by the Reeve and all Mayors



9.County Council Meeting

April 16th (All Council)

- 4 Delegations Attended our Council Meeting
- Stars were at 9:30am they gave an updated report of last year. This is their annual fundraiser for 2026. Smoky Lake County Council has a standing motion. The founder Dr. Greg Powell passed away on April 30th, 2025, Leading the team now is Dr. John Froh. The County contributed \$6000
- 10:30am was Bob Daudelin from Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. They highlighted the Municipality's assessment of Residential, Non-Residential, Farmland, Designated Industrial Property and Linear. In 2024 the total was \$936,505,240 and in 2025 it was \$984,345,280 a difference of \$47,840,040 increase
- 11:15am Don Klym from Victoria Home guard addressed Council on their new upcoming project on Victoria Trail this new project is a historical tree the Lopstick Tree. The Victoria Home guard asked for some in-kind work from public works a Development Permit and Road allowance on River lot #9 the total cost of this project is estimated at \$21,000
- 1:30pm Michael Botros P. Eng. Regional Director North Central Region discussed the upcoming HWY 28 proposed projects. This year 41km from Warspite to Vilna will be resurfaced. Previous and current Council have been advocating awhile for this project
- A new round about will be placed on the intersection of HWY 855 and HWY 28 some passing lanes and pullouts are also proposed by the province, these projects will hopefully be started next year. There are several intersections that the provinces want to close on HWY 28 as well, Smoky Lake County Council discussed these closures in detail and brought all our ratepayers' concerns. The province took the letters that were sent to Council to review.
- 15 requests for Decision were on the agenda package Council made motions on all requests some RFDs were Agricultural Fieldman Appointment, April request to write off Property Tax Penalties, Automatic Meter Reading Equipment Purchase, Policy No. 01-11-06 Municipal Office Policy, FCSS Application-Junior Fire Camp, Planning and Development Fees Bylaw No. 1498-26 just to name a few
- All Council Committee Reports were reviewed



- Council had 5 Correspondence letters in our package to review the first was a letter from the Lakeland Industry and Community Association regarding Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention, there were two letters from the Hon. Dan Williams Minister of Municipal Affairs \$5764 was granted for Fire Service Training Programs and the second one was information on changes introduced in Bill 28
- Road access request for a resident in the Shemeluk Lake Area
- Bellis 4-H Beef Club asked that Smoky Lake County sponsor the 4 trophy Buckels in their upcoming event for 2026 which Council approved
- Council reviewed the Financial Reports, Budget to Actual for March 30th, 2026, and 2026 January Bank Reconciliation
- 2 In Camera Session one being ATIA, Section 20: Personal Matters, the Second being ATIA Section 19: 3rd Party Business Interest

10.Municipal Planning Commission Meeting
April 16th (All Council)

- Please refer to Councillor David Kully's Report

11.Smoky Lake Foundation Meeting
April 17th (Jered, Craig)

- Please refer to Councillor Jered Serben's Report

12.Evergreen Regional Waste Management Commission
April 17th (Lorne, Craig, Ryan)

- Please refer to Deputy Reeve Lorne Halisky Report



13.Special County Council Meeting Tax Levy

April 20th (All Council)

- County Council had a Request for Decision (RFD) on Bylaw 1504-26 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw After reviewing the information provided by Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager Smoky Lake County Council passed a motion That Council give Bylaw No. 1504-26, being the 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw, first reading, second reading, and grant unanimous consent for third and final reading at this meeting there was a slight increase in Residential, Farmland, Designated Industrial Farmland and Machinery and Equipment and a decrease in Small Business, Non-Residential, and Designated Industrial Non-Residential

14.Joint Town of Smoky Lake & Smoky Lake County

April 20th (All Council)

- 6 requests for Discussion were on this agenda these were
- House Property Located at Public Works
- Kinette Club of Smoky Lake Proposal – Two Ball Diamonds this had a May 15th grant deadline
- Highway 28 and Highway 855 Improvements – Two-lane Roundabout
- Municipally Controlled Corporation - general discussion
- Smoky Lake Agricultural Society – Annual Shared Snow Clearing Request
- Potential partnership with Portage for County (Education Facility and Education Opportunities

15.Warspite Community Hall Association

April 20th (Craig)

- Reviewed and Approved the March 31st, 2026, Minutes
- Reviewed the Warspite Community Hall Association Monthly Treasures Report
- Discussed the Event held on April 13th
- Discussed the \$8000 Grant that was given to them for a new Roof Top furnace which will be brought to council on May28th for discussion
- Reviewed upcoming Hall rentals
- Bought new Deep Freeze for Kitchen



16.MCC for the Smoky Lake Development Corp.

April 21st (Craig, Lorne)

- General discussion on the condition of the Corporation – Action List of February 24th, 2026, Board of Directors Annual Meeting
- A material Change was made to Motion 09-25 now Viable Economic Opportunities replacing Tourism Development for the Smoky Lake Tourism Company Ltd
- Accountant's Report compiled Financial Information for period ending December 31st, 2025, as presented by Barb McCarthy, JMD Group Ltd
- GIC investment of \$25,000 will be put into a GIC at the ATB Bank for a one-year term
- Ratification of Directors to serve until their successors are duly elected Consent to Act as Director of the Corporation have been executed.
- Resolution to accept Shareholders List for the period 2025-2029 in accordance to Business Act – Section 137

17.Physician & Health Care Professionals Committee

April 21^s (Craig, Lorne)

- Adopted the previous Minutes and Action list from February 3rd, 2026
- Discussed Rural Health Week the committee will be hosting a Barbeque for our Health Care Professionals held at the George McDougal Hospital
- Discussion on the upcoming Northeast Regional Summit being held in Smoky Lake for the first time on June 2nd at the Ukrainian National Hall
- The committee will be purchasing Golf Memberships for our Physicians at the Smoky Lake Golf Course for the year 2026
- Committee reviewed the budget for 2026 with no additional changes to the funding formula the County portion being \$14,524.65



18. Heritage Board

April 22nd (Craig)

- Organizational Meeting was held
- Noreen Easterbrook Chair, Graham Dalziel Vice Chair, Christine Hansen Secretary/Treasurer, Amy Cherniwchan Admin Assistant
- Regular Meeting was then held
- Membership Fees will remain at Zero Dollars
- Presentation of Year-End Financial Report
- Discussion on Photo Archive program that was completed and now 2 more copies will be made for security purposes due to the cost of the program
- 5 interpretive panels and plaques will be installed in the next few months
- Self-Guided Driving Tours Brochures have been created but some revision need to be made and will be brought to the next meeting

19. Community Planning Association of Alberta (CPAA) Conference

April 27th- 29th (Craig, Lorne, David)

- Annual General Meeting was held on the 28th the planning Association Bylaw was updated this hasn't been done since 2021
- Metrix Group went over the Financial Statement for The Year Ended December 31, 2025
- Several Keynote Speakers Dr. Laura Hambley was a great speaker her topic was Roots to Results: Growing a Culture Where People Stay & Thrive, Brad Slater topic was The Dirt on Development: Water, Waste & Building Code Realities
- There was a panel discussion called Ask the Bench: Planning & Development Legal Q&A this consisted of Daina Young RMRF, Gwendolyn J. Stewart Palmer with Shores Jardine and Jeneane Grundberg from Brownlee Law
- Lisa Ford & Jennifer Hartigh from REDS topic was Roles & Resources in the Economic Development Ecosystem
- Jake Papineau from Urban System & Molly Fyten talked about Planning as a Non-Planner: Knowing when to ask for help
- Rob Beaupertuis topic was What does a balance budget mean and how does it tie to the tax bylaws
- Mark Baxter discussed Regional Framework for Planning and Economic Development



- Jim Hole another guest speaker explained and gave ideas about Is your Community Ready for the Green Revolution
- Brett Wightman with CSV Midstream Solutions topic was very interesting More Than a Building: What a Data Centre Actually Brings to Your Community

20.Northeast Regional Seasonal Summit Steering Committee

May 4th (Craig, Lorne)

- The committee reviewed the previous meeting's action items to get ready for the RHPAP summit being held in Smoky Lake on June 2, 2026, this is the first time it has ever been held here in Smoky Lake
- Smoky Lake Golf Course donated a 1 day 9-hole pass for 2 as our main door prize, there will be also 2 \$25 Gift Baskets
- There will be a panelist talking about Best Practice, Attraction, Integration and Retention this panel will take questions from the floor
- A 10 min PowerPoint on Get to Know your Host will start this event
- Approximately 15 different communities from the Northeast Region will be attending this event. Seating is limited to 2 people from each Region totaling 30 people

21.Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC)

May 6th (Craig, Jered)

- Reviewed the minutes from February 9th meeting
- Request for discussion to bring everyone up to date was the Street Sweeper Background the age of the Sweeper, what needs to be fixed or if we go jointly buy a new one
- Review of the ICC and ICF Bylaws which will be revised to cut Red Tape
- One topic was added to our discussion which everyone felt was important and that is Senior Transportation in Smoky Lake



22.Smoky Lake County Special Meeting May 6th (All Council)

- There were 2 topics on this agenda
- Disposal of Surplus Public Works Equipment & Replacement Purchases Smoky Lake County Council made a Recommendation That Smoky Lake County Council approve the disposal of the following County-owned Public Works assets through Ritchie Brothers Auction Scheduled for May 11-14, 2026 Unit # 194-2011 Decap Belly Dump with Unit #197, Unit #170-1997 Kenworth T800 Truck, Unit #616-1986 Caterpillar 627B Buggy, Unit #208 2008 GMC 5500, Unit #620 80V Snow plow for unit 616 And further, that Council authorize Administration to purchase replacement compaction equipment through the same auction, including a double steel packer and padfoot packer, within the approved Public Works capital budget
- Council also made a motion to add \$400,000 from our Capital Reserves to the purchases if needed
- Bill 28 was the second item on our Council agenda. A motion was made That Smoky Lake County Council Direct Administration to draft and send a letter to the Honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs, outlining Smoky Lake County's concerns with Bill 28 and its proposed amendments to the Municipal Government Act

23.Aspen View Public School 5th Annual Robotics Tournament May 7th (Craig, Lorne, David, Jered)

- Smoky Lake County Council volunteered to be Judges for this event. There were over 100 kids all ages and 3 different categories Kindergarten to Grade 3, Grade 4 to Grade 6, and Grade 7 to Grade 9 this day had 2 different events one in the morning the other in the afternoon. Medals were awarded for both events there was a lot of cheering and excitement. Smoky Lake HAK and Vilna both took home medals



24.Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth and Opportunities (NAAGO) Healthcare Initiative Meeting
May 8th Craig

- The committee had a zoom meeting to discuss steps moving forward on lobbying the Government of Alberta
- Primary Care cutbacks are a concern for all municipalities, EMS shortage, Emergency Rooms Clouser's and doctor shortages. A discussion was had about International Doctors and how hard it is for them to practice in Alberta a letter was written and now it is going to the NAAGO Board this upcoming month to review and get their input. Then the letter will be revised and sent to all four Ministers of Health our MLA's as well as the Premier.

25.Hwy 28/63 Regional Water Commission Board Meeting
May 14th (Lorne, Craig, Ryan)

- Please refer to Deputy Reeve Lorne Halisky report

Up Coming Meetings

- May 21st
- Smoky Lake Foundation
- Travel Lakeland DMO Municipal & Indigenous Partners Engagement Session
- Evergreen Regional Waste Management
- May 25th-27th
- 2026 Alberta Fire Chiefs Conference
- May 26th
- Agricultural Service Board Meeting
- May 28th
- Regular County Council Meeting

