



Reeves Report

Division: 3

Reporting Period: (February 19th – March 22nd 2026)

**1. February 19th, 2026 - Evergreen Regional Waste Management SC (Craig, Lorne)
St. Paul County No 19**

As per Deputy Reeve Lorne Halisky Report

2. February 19th, 2026 - Northeast Alberta Major Projects Exchange (Craig, Lorne)

As per Deputy Reeve Lorne Halisky Report

3. February 20th, 2026 - Smoky Lake Foundation (Craig, Jared)

Smoky Lake Bar-V-Nook

As per Councilor Jered Serben Report

**4. February 23rd, 2026 - Smoky Lake Region Intermunicipal Collaboration Council
Workshop (All Council)**

- Regional Fire Department we started this process in 2021
- Transitional Solution provided 4 governance options
- Regional Commission was chosen by 3 of the 4 municipalities
- Contract fee for service was presented with a funding formula for a regional budget
- A 3-year budget was presented
- Staffing 2 full-time firefighter and 1 part-time administrative clerk positions were created
- Rapid Response Program was created to fund 2 members to be on call for 10 weeks to assist with peak respond times
- Funding for capital replacement of fire apparatus and equipment was created
- ICC negotiated to rent the 3 halls from the municipalities
- ICC agreed to a 3% yearly increase for the overall budget
- Organizational Structure was created
- Advisory Committee was created
- 5-Year Master Fire Plan Recommendations was presented
- Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICC) was presented by Jordan this discussion was based on when the Government of Alberta implemented this process and why

**5. February 24th, 2026 MCC for Smoky Lake Development Corp Organizational Meeting
(Craig, Lorne)**

Smoky Lake Inn

- Craig Lukinuk was acclaimed as the Chairperson



- Dan Kotylak was acclaimed as the Vice Chairperson
- The Following Appointments were made:
 - Lydia Cielin - secretary/treasurer
 - JMD Group LLP - Accountant
- reviewed the Regular meeting minutes of June 23rd, 2025
- Reviewed the 2025 Financial Statement of operations for 2025

6. February 24th, 2026 (Craig) - Warspite Community Hall Association Annual General Meeting (Craig)

- The Following Appointments were made:
 - Appointment of the Chair (Gene Sobolewski)
 - President (Melinda Kaminsky)
 - Vice Chair (Jackie Mason)
- The minutes of the February 24, 2025 AGM were reviewed.
- Hall rental rates were confirmed at \$250 for a full day and \$150 for a half day.
- Membership fees were set at \$10.
- The Treasurer's Report was reviewed.
- The Snowmobile Rally was discussed, noting a good turnout.
- The Pumpkin Growers' Visionary Workshop is scheduled for April 25 at the Curling Rink.
- Chair and table rental options were discussed.
- The \$8,000 carry-over from Smoky Lake County was discussed.
- The gas invoice was reviewed and discussed.
- The Warspite County Fair's rental of the hall was discussed.

7. February 26th, 2026 Regular Council Meeting (All Council)

- Council Approved the following sponsorships and donations to the following groups:
 - 2026 Grazing School for Women sponsorship contribution of \$500
 - Alberta Invasive Species in the amount of \$1,000.00 (Bronze Membership)
 - Heartland Training and Support Hub towards their 2026 farm safety program initiatives in the amount of \$1,129.50
 - Council approve action taken to donate \$2,500 to Warspite Revitalization Foundation for a platinum sponsorship of the 2nd annual County Fair to be held June 20, 2026
 - Smoky Lake County Rural Crime Watch Association in the amount of \$400.00
 - Vicotria Trail Agricultural Society in the amount of \$2,000
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- Spedden Fish and Game Association in the amount of \$500.00
- The annual donation of \$500.00 to the Smoky Lake Riding Club
- Council approved a donation in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Mr. Derek Zaplotinsky for his journey to compete in the 2026 Milano Cortina Olympic Games and furthermore requested that Mr. Zaplotinsky come as a delegation to Council to share his experiences
- Council recommended the following educational workshops and extension events be incorporated into the Agricultural Service Board Extension Program for 2026 furthermore connect with other municipalities to seek partnerships with the events:
 - Bumble Bee Box Workshop (full day)
 - Precision Ranching Workshop (half-day)- Landview Drones
 - Welding for Producers Partner with Portage College
 - Garden Planning, No Till Gardening, Weed Free/Drought Resistant Gardening
 - Equine Education Workshop (full-day)
- Council approved and amended the following Policies:
 - Policy 61-16: Road Closure Policy
 - Policy Statement No. 62-10-11 Agricultural Service Board Business Plan 2026
 - Policy Statement 62-08: Agricultural Use of Municipal Right-of-ways
 - Policy No. 62-13: Surface Lease of Municipally-Owned Lands
 - approved Policy 08-27-01 Community Hall Grant Program and a budget of \$13, 000
- Council approved Agricultural Services Departmental summer student recruitment through the approved 2026 operating budget.
- Council approved the date and location for the Smoky Lake County 2026 open House and Farmers Appreciation Day.
- Council appointed members to the Assessment Review Board (ARB) for Year-2026
- Council gave feedback on the 2-page advertisement received from Go East Regional Tourism
- Reviewed the Financial Report 2025 Budget to Actual
- Council directed Administration to promote the petition supporting a Permanent Residency Pathway for Ukrainians in Canada and to draft a letter to MP Shannon Stubbs to help raise regional awareness



- Council reviewed the information regarding Community Priorities Plan (CPP) from Maryanne King and St. Anita Doktor and requested that Anita Doktor come to a Regular Council meeting as a delegation and discuss the CPP further

8. February 27th, 2026 (Craig, Lorne, Dave)

As per the Deputy Reeve's Lorne Halisky Report

9. March 1-3rd, 2026 - Education Symposium

Edmonton, Alberta

As per Deputy Reeve's Report

10. March 5th, 2026 (Craig) RhPAP Zoom Meeting

- Knowledge Now Series Community Success Stories

11. March 6th, 2026 (all Council) - Municipal Law Seminar Reynold Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP

Virtual in Council Chambers

- Topic # 1
 - Mind the Gap: Limit on Municipal Powers
 - These powers are limited by the MGA and other Legislation
 - Examples are Contract Law Procurement
 - Trade Agreement
 - Use and Disposal of Land
- Topic # 2
 - Down to Brass Tax: Managing Municipal Sale Tax
 - The tax sale process
 - Sections of the MGA that are relevant to this
 - Timing and Process for tax arrears recovery steps
 - Public Auctions for Tax forfeiture Properties
 - Non sale of Tax Properties
- Topic #3
 - Approaches for the use and application of Surveillance Technologies in the Workplace
 - Appropriate boundaries and best practices for implementing these tools
 - Use of these tools in employee discipline
 - Performance management



- Managing difficult employees or contractors
- Safety, Security
- Topic #4
 - Pay to Play: Off-Site Levy Requirements and Challenges
 - Legislative requirements
 - Potential and actual challenges to off-site levy bylaws

12. March 6th 2026 (All Council) Retirement recognition Luncheon

Smoky Lake Curling Rink

- Council participated in recognizing Smoky Lake County's retirees. Council recognized the following employees:
 - Carol Dohaniuk 25 Years
 - Loni Shulko 23 Years
 - Deb Hackman 5 Years
 - Dwayne Jasinsky

13. March 12th 2026 (Craig, Lorne) Regional Water & Wastewater Assessment Initiative (In Person Forum)

Queen Elizabeth II Building Edmonton

- As per Deputy Reeve's Report

14. March 13th, 2026 (All Council) County Council Committee of the Whole Council Chambers

- Council reviewed and had discussion regarding the following Polies and Bylaws:
 - Bylaw 1498-26 - Planning and Development Fees
 - Bylaw 1432-23. Recreational Vehicles Bylaw
 - Policy 08-17-03 Family and Community Support Services Grants
 - Bylaw 1499-26 Procedural Bylaw
 - Policy 15-08-03 Vacation Policy
 - Policy 08-07-05 - Credit Card
 - Policy 08-16-02 - Purchasing Guidelines Policy
 - Policy 15-10-01 - Recruitment of Hiring Union and Non-Union Employees
 - Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Analysis Report
 - Priority Roads Policy 03-15-05 & Policy 03-35 Snow Clearing
 - Policy Statement 62 09-01: Pocket Gopher Traps
 - Policy Statement 62-01-03: Magpie Traps
 - Policy Statement AG 07-07: Beaver Management Program



- Policy Statement 62-02-04: Gopher Incentive Program

15. March 16th- 18th 2026 (All Council) Rural Municipalities of Alberta (Spring Conference)

Edmonton, Alberta

Meeting with Municipal Affairs Minister Dan Williams

Topics Discussed:

- Shortage of Rural Physicians and Hospital Emergency Coverage
- Ambulance Availability and Response time
- Impacts on Community Safety, Patient outcomes, and Municipal Capacity

Workshops Attended:

- An Exploration of Industry Wildfire Mitigation Strategies
- Strong Foundations Building Community Connections
- Who's Driving the Grader

Mayors' & Reeves' Liaison Meeting

- Discussion on 5 Topics:
- Rural Gaming & Liquor Licensing
- Data Centers (Specifically Water Use)
- Small Urban Viability & Impact on Rural Municipalities
- Policy changes and potential impacts of ANI's
- Police Funding Model

Attended meeting with RCMP K Division

Topics Discussed:

- Budget for Training PPSA Detachment which we got funding for
- Staffing Shortage asking for a 5th constable position
- Crime Prevention property crime and other crimes in our area and around the province
- Opening Ceremonies & Welcome
- FCM Update

Hon. Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta Address

- Keynote Speaker David Coletto
- Alberta Veterinary Medical Association

- Advocacy Training for Municipal Elected Officials
- Taking care of Business, The Resolution Session
- Board of Directors Forum



Hon. Eleanor Olszewski Minister of Emergency Management and Community Resilience
and Minister responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada address

- The Future of Nuclear Power in Alberta
- Ministerial Forum Resolution Session

16. March 19th-22nd, 2026 (Craig, Lorne, Dave) Edmonton Boat & Sportsman Show

- Attend the event to promote Smoky Lake Region
- Smoky Lake County created a raffle to win a smoky lake County prize pack

Upcoming engagements and meetings:

- March 23rd - Ukrainian Twinning Organizational Meeting
- March 26th – Smoky Lake County Regular County Council Meeting
- March 27th – Fedgas Spring Zone Meeting in Lac La Biche
- April 1st – Smoky Lake County Budget Meeting