



Reeves Report

Division: 3

Councillor: Reeve, Craig Lukinuk

Reporting Period: (January 22nd, 2026- February 18th, 2026)

Council Meeting Date: February 26th, 2026

1. January 22nd, 2026(Craig, Lorne)

NAGGO (Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth & Opportunity)

Vegreville Social Centre – Hall B

Organizational Meeting

- Tim MacPhee, Mayor of Vegreville, was acclaimed as Chairperson.
- Gerald Aalbers, Mayor of the Lloydminster, was acclaimed as Vice Chair.
- Lorne Halisky, Deputy Reeve of Smoky Lake County, serves as Chair of the Highway 28 Committee.
- Craig Lukinuk, Reeve of Smoky Lake County, serves as Chair of the Healthcare Initiatives Committee.
- A total of 23 Reeves and Mayors attended the meeting.
- Alberta Hub will no longer receive funding from the Government of Alberta as of January 2027.
- There was a discussion regarding casinos for non-profit groups within municipalities.
- The Terms of Reference for NAGGO were reviewed.
- There was discussion regarding the integration of Alberta Hub and NAAGO.
- The County will contribute \$2,200 this year.
- The three identified initiatives are Highway 28, Healthcare, and Electricity Distribution Rates.

2. January 23, 2026(All Council)

Smoky Lake County Special Council Meeting

- This meeting was for the purpose of short listing our potential CAO

3. January 27th, 2026(All Council)

Regular Council Meeting

- There were three delegations in attendance.
- Representatives from the Warspite Foundation discussed plans to repair the ball diamond in Warspite, provided information about the upcoming second Warspite County Fair, and explored potential partnership opportunities with the County.



- The Aspen View Board of Trustees presented a PowerPoint handout that provided Council with an overview of K–12 enrolment trends over the past 10 years, as well as staffing information.
- Pine Creek Retreat introduced a strategic proposal seeking to partner with the County, outlining an implementation plan and the value the initiative would bring to the County.
- Several Requests for Decision were brought forward to Council, including the Coyote Reduction Program Policy, an FCSS Grant Application, and the appointment of members to the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.
- All Council Committee Reports were presented.
- Correspondence items included information regarding the AI Data Center Project, an RMA Police Funding Model update, information from Portage College, and a proposed Canada Post mailbox location in Spedden.
- A “Budget at a Glance” report was provided to Council.
- The meeting concluded with a closed session to conduct interviews for the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) position.

4. January 28th, 2026 (Craig)

Meeting with Hon. Minister Andrew Boitchenko

- Luncheon was held at Metis Crossing
- Discussions regarding New Metis Crossing initiatives
- Discussion on Tourism's opportunity for Smoky Lake Region
- Discussion on proposed AI Data Center for Smoky Lake Region

5. January 29th, 2026 (All Council)

Local Authority Elected Official Course (LAEO) Course included

- Introduction to emergency management in Alberta
- The Local authority act
- Elected Officials Before, During and After an Incident

6. February 3rd, 2026 (Craig, Lorne)

Physicians and Health Care Professionals Committee Meeting

4 RFD (Request for Decision)

- RhPAP Let's Go Rural Expression of Interest Grant (High School Event)
- Rocket Doctor Correspondence (Virtual Doctors)
- RhPAP Attraction and Retention Community Grant
- Inventory discussion regarding additional Housing



- 2025 Year End Financial report was presented
- The committee reviewed the draft updated Strategic Plan and Terms of Reference Physicians and Health Care Professional Committee Bylaw No 007-2023 which now provides the County with 2 voting members
- An update was provided on Locum Services Fee
- Adele Richardson has been appointed as the PCN Revitalization Director for the Edmonton Rural Corridor (East), formerly known as the North Zone
- Anita Fagnan serves as the Northeast Community Consultant

7. February 5th, 2026 (All Council)

Committee of the Whole

The following items were discussed under Requests for Discussion (RFD), and no motions were made during the meeting:

- Public Works provided an update on culvert replacements for bridges.
- Road repair cost estimates were reviewed.
- A report was provided outlining grader hours and associated repairs.
- The Funding Halls Assistance Policy was discussed.
- The Vacation Policy was reviewed.
- The Field Level Hazard Assessment Policy was discussed.
- Council discussed matters relating to the closure, leasing, and licensing of surplus municipal roads.
- A Surface Lease was also discussed under Request for Discussion

8. February 9th, 2026 (Craig Lorne)

Smoky Lake Region Intermunicipal Collaboration Meeting (ICC)

- An Organizational Meeting was held.
- Craig Lukinuk was acclaimed as Chair.
- Leroy Kunky was acclaimed as Vice Chair.
- A regional orientation session regarding the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework and the Intermunicipal Development Plan Bylaw was scheduled for February 23, 2026, at the Smoky Lake Nutrien Agricultural Complex. Regional Fire Services will also be discussed at the workshop.
- A discussion regarding the regionalization of FCSS will be brought back in the third quarter of the year.
- Council discussed the appointment of a working group and agreed that each respective Council will bring forward a formal notice to reestablish the working group.



- A regionalization discussion regarding Community Peace Officers was held, and the CAOs were directed to provide a list of highlighted problem areas within their respective towns or villages and to explore potential contracting costs, if necessary.
- Council discussed street sweeper repairs and requested that an inspection be conducted, with any concerns to be brought back to a future Council meeting.

9. February 11th, 2026 (All Council)

H.A. Kostash School Grade 6 students visited the Council Chambers to present and debate their own mock by-law regarding dogs. The students held a public hearing, asked Council numerous questions, and engaged in discussion about their by-law

Upcoming Meetings

- February 18th, 2026
- HWY 28/63 Regional Water Commission Board Meeting Council Chambers 10:00am
- County Council Collaboration meeting with RCMP Council Chambers 1:30pm
- Special Meeting FRD Appointment of Smoky Lake County New CAO Council Chambers
- February 19th, 2026, ERWMSC Evergree Regional Landfill 10:00am
- February 20th, 2026, Smoky Lake Foundation Regular Board Meeting (Bar-V-Nook) 9:00am
- February 23rd, 2026, Smoky Lake Region Intermunicipal Collaboration (Complex) 9:00am
- Warspite Hall AGM (Warspite) 7:00pm
- February 26th, 2026, Regular Council Meeting (Council Chambers) 9:00am
- February 27th, 2026, NLLS Northern Lights Library Meeting (Virtual) 10:00am
- February 27th, 2026, Buffalo Lake Industry Engagement Luncheon (Buffalo Lake) 11:30am
- MARCH 1ST, 2026, Education Symposium (Edmonton)