



Reeves Report

Division: 3

Reporting Period: (May 19th -June 23rd)

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

1. Ratepayer Meeting

May 19th (Craig)

- *Unsightly Properties Warspite*
- *Keeping and care of animals (Urban Hens)*

2. Privacy Management Training for Elected Officials

May 19th (All Council)

- Any Conversation with a Ratepayer if written or recorded is a public record
- Highlighted records management within the organization
- The use of collection of data –falls under the MGA Act.
- Review of the In Camera closed session subject related to the Access to Information Act (ATIA)

3. Travel Lakeland DMO Municipal and Indigenous Partners Engagement Session

May 21st (Craig, Lorne, Ryan)

- Explore Lakeland Tourism Strategy Presentation
- Tourism is currently the # 4 largest export in Canada
- Municipal Partner Expectations will cost \$.30 per capita to be part of this tourism strategy for budget consideration
- Current Projects are a 20-year Destination Development Plan for investment attraction, built on a foundation of economic models
- Travel Alberta Funded \$60,000 for social media and marketing campaign



4. Alberta Lakeland Destination Management Organization AGM

May 21st (Craig, Ryan)

- Election of the board
- President Michelle Wright
- First Vice President Bob Ross
- Second Vice President Norm Well
- Secretary Vickie Lefore
- Treasurer Dale Hendrick
- Reviewed 2025 Year End financial Report which is attached for our records
- Michelle Wright gave her Manager Report and an update on the transition from Akron to Vision XS as the selected consultant supporting the Destination Development Plan (DDP)
- Charne Roodt Operations Coordinator provided an update on current operational and tourism activities

5. Alberta Fire Chiefs Conference

May 25th – May 27th (Craig, Lorne, David)

- Alberta Fire Chiefs Association Members Business session
- Keynote Speaker Jeremy Allen – Funeral Director talked about Walking Through Loss & Embracing Resilience
- Keynote Speakers Spencer Zee, Nicholas Lozinski talked about building safer communities and approach to brush pile management best practices
- Keynote Speaker Laur King – Regional Director, Canada, National Fire Protection Association topic was learning about lithium-ion battery research, testing and results. How much water do you really need to put out an electric vehicle fire. What happens to your gear after an incident involving lithium-ion batteries.
- Keynote Speaker Julien Bergeron of Northern Trek & the CFFF (Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation) talked about his journey raising money for the Fallen Firefighters
- his fundraising efforts are for families of the Fallen Firefighters, so we Remember, Honour and Support



- Minister LaGrange is the Minister for the Fire Chief Committee Government & Stake holders committee
- Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs President Ken McMullen gave an update of the past year
- Life Membership awards were handed out
- Solar panel batteries that are on site need to have a Master Plan in case of a Fire for our Fire Fighters
- Fire moves, one outcome 90% of homes are damaged by flying embers not flames
- 8 New Water aircrafts by 2030
- Bear pit Session closed out the conference, and their topic was Fleet Management & Apparatus Planning

6. Municipal Planning Commission

May 28th (All Council)

- Approved Request For Decision Development Permit DP-0014-26 – Shipping Container on a Multi Lot Country Residential (R1) District which is a discretionary use at Hillside Acres in Division 1

7. Regular Council Meeting

May 28th (All Council)

Council had 8 delegations at this meeting:

- Bellis 4H members attended our meeting to thank council for our sponsorship of the buckles and talked about the event
- Stone Bear Recovery Solutions Randel Bell & Regan Bartell gave council an update on the Healing Waters Recovery Center with a power point presentation
- Derek Zaplotinsky is our local Para Olympian who attended the Milano Olympics he gave council an update of his experiences and talked about the next Olympics in 4 years from now which he plans on attending he also thank Council for our support his father Myron Zaplotinsky also attended
- Smoky Lake Kinnette Club presented to council their vision of multi–Baseball Diamonds for our Region and discussed Grant applications (Active Communities Initiative) ranging from \$50,000 to \$1.5 Million



- Anita Doctor from the RCMP gave council an administrative update Tyler Lawrence is our newest member coming to Smoky Lake starting on June 17, 2026, 1st
- Atco Energy had a PowerPoint presentation regarding Energy Systems LED Streetlights there is a government program out right now this program will be ending soon It will help cover some of the cost to replace some of our aging infrastructure Smoky Lake County has 29 non-invested 61E Streetlights \$652.30 per month in distribution charges Approximately \$8000 in future replacement cost per light the invested 61B Streetlights are approximately \$1,112.32 per month in distribution charges an investment provided to Smoky Lake County of \$29,087.00 this comes with no future capital cost this is to convert our HPS lights to LED technology
- Phillip Hicks talked about Government Frameworks
- Victor Marciano from the Government of Alberta and Mark Dorin from AERA discussed our county and the provinces Mature Asset Strategy, Alberta surface Rights Federation
- Council had 29 Requests for Decisions on this agenda some being Smoky Lake County Back Sloping Program application, Leases for Baseball Grant, Farm Family Centennial Award Policy, Roadside Mowing Policy, Planning and Development Fees By-law, Designation of the Privacy Officer, ISDAB Clerk Appointment, Substance Use Policy to list a few
- Council reviewed 22 correspondence letters and had 12 Information Release that were reviewed
- Council reviewed the Financial Report Budget to Actual for May 13th as well as the March Bank Reconciliation
- Our CAO 90 Day Evaluation was held in camera
- Personnel Matters section 20 was also in camera

8.NAAGO Healthcare Committee Meeting

May 29th (Craig)

- . *The Health Care Committee reviewed a letter that the was going to be*



*Sent to the Government of Alberta including our MLA's Titled:
Rural Health Care Pressures and the Need for Immediate Action*

9. Alberta Rural Health Week BBQ

May 29th (Craig, Lorne, David, Jared)

- Hosted a BBQ for all our Health Care Professionals in Partnership with RPHAP this event was held at the Smoky Lake George McDougal Health Care Center. This BBQ was a success and the weather co-operation

10. Regional Summit – Northeast Zone

June 2nd (Craig, Lorne, David)

- *Community Success Panel Discussion*
- **Attraction:** *Chris Vining & Kevin Nagoya from Cold Lake talked how the MCC got together to build a new Physicality*
- **Integration:** *Sharon Behnke & Carrie Froehler from lac La Biche & Area talked about they were able to attract 10 Doctors in the past 2 years*
- **Retention:** *Lorianne Edwards from Barrhead & Area discussed how to they were able to retain their doctors by forward thinking*
- *Rural Health Dialogues from Challenges to Solution: This was a breakout session talking amongst different groups Naming our Common Challenges and identifying our Assets, once we completed this round table we continued to talk about Regional Hot Topics Addressing Challenges and Leveraging Assets*
- *The last session of the day was Identifying Priorities Thinking Regionally & Actioning Locally*

11. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

June 4th – June 7th (All Council)

- Keynote Speakers at FCM were



- **Dominic LeBlanc** – Federal Cabinet Minister
- **Gregor Robertson** – Federal Cabinet Minister
- **Eleanor Olszewski** – Federal Cabinet Minister
- **Scott Aitchison** – Conservative Party of Canada MP
- **Avi Lewis** – Leader of the New Democratic Party (NDP)
- **Elizabeth May** – Leader of the Green Party of Canada
- **Resolution Session:**
 1. Blinded by the Light: Improving Public Safety by Looking at Headlight Glare
RESOLVED, That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) call on the Federal Government to take action to address excessive headlight brightness and glare, including updates to national vehicle safety standards and enforcement mechanisms, informed by safety Impacts on drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, seniors, and people with vision impairments, with specific actions to include:
 - i. Establish clearer and enforceable limits on headlight brightness, beam pattern, and mounting height;
 - ii. Strengthen oversight of adaptive and high-intensity lighting technologies; and Improve regulation and enforcement related to non-compliant aftermarket vehicle lighting.
 2. Federal Support for the Forestry Sector
RESOLVED, That FCM urge Federal Government to make resolving the softwood lumber dispute and any trade agreements affecting Canadian Forest Products a top national priority and be it further
RESOLVED, That FCM urge the Federal Government to enact procurement policies requiring companies contracting with the Federal Government to source Canadian lumber first, provided the costs to municipalities are not increased beyond the local government's project budget and contingency; and be it further
RESOLVED, That FCM urge the Federal Government to aggressively increase work to open markets to Canadian forest products with all international partner, particularly for smaller, indigenous-owned, or women-owned businesses
 3. Pan-Canadian Strategy on Mental Health, Addictions and Chronic Homelessness
RESOLVED, That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities call on the federal government to develop and fund a pan-Canadian multilateral strategy involving federal, provincial, territorial and municipal partners to take coordinated action and respond decisively on the national challenge of mental health, addictions, and chronic homelessness issues in Canada, one that recognizes and addresses the unique needs of marginalized communities; and be it further



RESOLVED, That this strategy includes the collection and reporting of comprehensive disaggregated demographic data and the municipality of origin

4. Strengthening Canada's Defence Capabilities with Local Governments

RESOLVED, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities calls on the federal government to collaborate with FCM to outline an action plan for full partnership with local governments on defence, including supporting infrastructure expansions and upgrades, increasing local business development and industrial capacity, ensuring adequate housing, bolstering community well-being, and reducing climate impacts; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities calls on the federal government to consider applications of funding for the Department of National Defence in all communities which are impacted by expansions and upgrades, rather than limiting funding to the communities in which bases are specifically located, and be it further

RESOLVED, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities calls on the federal government to classify all types of local infrastructure as being admissible for dual- and multi-use funding

5. Reversal of Federal Agricultural Research Centre Closures

RESOLVED, That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the Government of Canada and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to reverse the proposed closure of Canada's federally operated agricultural research and development centres, and maintain federal operations, staffing capacity, and long-term scientific programs at all affected facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities request the Government of Canada collaborate with municipalities, provinces, researchers, producer groups, and Indigenous communities to develop a strengthened Strategic Plan for Science that preserves irreplaceable long-term datasets, ensures stable federal investment, and supports Canada's food-security and climate-resilience objectives.

6. Small Business Support

RESOLVED, That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities call on the Government of Canada to modernize and optimize the Canada Small Business Financing Program by:

- a. increasing the maximum eligible loan amount for commercial property financing to reflect current market conditions;



- b. expanding eligible uses to include business acquisition financing, including asset and share purchases, to support local business succession;
- c. reducing program fees and improving affordability; and
- d. adjusting program design to de-risk lending better while maintaining a guarantee-based model that minimizes fiscal impact.

- *Annual AGM*
- *Breakout Sessions*
- *Trade Show*

12. Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC)

June 8th (Craig, Jered)

- Delegation Rachelle Amyotte presented a Regionalization approach to FCSS
 - Regional FCSS Funding Overview within our region we receive from the province a total of \$214,891.60
 - Gave an overview of the Town of Smoky Lake FCSS Model and the County FCSS current model
- Request for Decision on 2 Topics:
- Transportation for Older Adults- Rural Transit Solution Fund (RTSF)
 - Smoky Lake Lions Club Bus

13. White Fish Lake Meeting

June 9th (Craig, Lorne, David, Ryan)

- HYW 28 Discussion on upcoming upgrades
- 28/63 Regional Water service Commission Agreement between the Commission and Whitefish Water Services Society
- Climate Change Application
- Discussion on Range Road 130 partnering together to fix
- Talked about the MG Injection project happening in Smoky Lake County

14. Regular County Departmental Meeting

May 14th & June 10th (All Council)



- Council had one to one discussion with all Departments to review their strategic Work Plans to see how they aligned with Councils Strategic Plan
- RFD Policy 01-54 Signing Authority
- Policy 03-56 Approval of Grader Storage and Availability Policy were reviewed and deferred to the June 25th Regular Council Meeting
- Electoral Boundaries was discussed
- Appointment of the Interim Finance Manager
- Adoption of the New Organizational Chart with 2 motions:
 - That Smoky Lake County Council Approve the amended Human Resources Policy 01-09 as presented.
 - That Smoky Lake County Council directs administration to proceed with the recruitment and posting of the following positions: Director of Infrastructure, Director of Corporate Services, and Director of Community Services and Utilities.

15.Smoky Lake Farmers Appreciation BBQ

June 11th (All Council)

- Gas Department celebrated their 50th Anniversary
- Smoky Lake County Celebrated their 60th Anniversary
- Kortech Calcium Sponsored the entire event by supplying hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Drinks which was held at the County Public Works Shop
- Smoky Lake County also gave away the following prizes:
 - One Tandem Load of Gravel based on filling out the County feedback survey
 - Smoky Lake County prize pack
 - A Sterling Gas BBQ grill
 - \$100 Gift card to a local grocery store
 - \$100 credit towards a gas bill

16.Optipemisiwak Metis Government's 8th Annual Alberta Metis Fest

June 13th (Craig, Lorne)

- Grand Entry Parade both Craig and Lorne



- Opening Ceremonies Welcoming Speech on Behalf of the County Council and Residents
- Master of Ceremonies was Ross Memphis Pambrun
- Many different Cultural Activities were held throughout the day
- Free Bison Dinner was on Saturday Night
- Free Fish Fry & Burgers was on Friday Night

17.Fedgas Insurance Reciprocal Exchange

June15th (Craig, Lorne)

- Fire Subscribers Learning Session with Aon Cyber Panel
- 75% of cyber attacks come from emails
- Cyber attacks usually take weeks to correct not hours
- First respond to an attack is unplug equipment
- Breach Coach should be called immediately
- Hackers call companies they hack customers
- Co-Operators Jeff Guitard, VP, Architecture & Chief Information Security Officer talked about the Importance of Having a Governance Structure when dealing with AI by 2034 approximately 60% of Companies will be using AI
- FedGas Insurance Reciprocal Exchange Official AGM
- Report of the Attorney-in-Fact Insurance Update
- Presentation of the Financial Statements
- Auditor's Report
- Appointment of Auditor for the upcoming year

Up Coming Meetings

- June 25th Regular Council Meeting
- July 13th Joint Municipalities
- July 23rd Regular Council Meeting