

**SMOKY LAKE COUNTY**

Minutes of the **Natural Gas Meeting** held on Wednesday, **April 15, 2020** at 12:26 P.M. held virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting.

The meeting was called to Order by the Chairperson, Lorne Halisky, in the presence of the following persons:

| <u>Div. No.</u>       | <u>Councillor(s)</u> | <u>ATTENDANCE</u><br><u>Wednesday, Apr. 15, 2020</u> |
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| 1                     | Dan Gawalko          | Virtually Present                                    |
| 2                     | Johnny Cherniwchan   | Virtually Present                                    |
| 3                     | Craig Lukinuk        | Virtually Present                                    |
| 4                     | Lorne Halisky        | Virtually Present                                    |
| 5                     | Randy Orichowski     | Virtually Present                                    |
| C.A.O.                | Cory Ollikka         | Virtually Present                                    |
| Asst. C.A.O.          | Lydia Cielin         | Virtually Present                                    |
| Finance Manager       | Brenda Adamson       | Virtually Present                                    |
| Nat. Gas Manager      | Daniel Moric         | Virtually Present                                    |
| Legislative Svcs/R.S. | Patti Priest         | Virtually Present                                    |

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3 Members of the Public in virtual attendance.

No Member of the Media in attendance.

**2. Agenda:**

682-20: Cherniwchan That the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Meeting Agenda for Wednesday, April 15, 2020 be adopted, as amended:

**Addition to the Agenda:**

1. Discussion - Summer Temporary Employment Position under the Natural Gas Manager’s Report.
2. Corridor Communications Inc. (CCI) Board of Directors Nomination.

Carried Unanimously.

**3. Minutes:**

683-20: Orichowski That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Meeting held on Monday, February 24, 2020, be adopted.  
Carried.

684-20: Lukinuk That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Meeting dated Monday, February 24, 2020, be accepted as presented.  
Carried.

**Addition to the Agenda:**

**Corridor Communications Inc. (CCI) Board of Directors Nomination**

685-20: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County support Mr. Craig Lukinuk and approve action taken forward an application, as a shareholder of Corridor Communications Inc. (CCI) to nominate Mr. Craig Lukinuk for the position of Director to the Board of Corridor Communications Inc., and approve to execute the following agreements upon successful appointment:

- ✓ Schedule “A”-Proxy Form
- ✓ Schedule “B”-Authorized Representative Form
- ✓ Schedule “C”-Nomination Form
- ✓ Schedule “E” Consent to Act as Director.

Carried.

**Issues for Information:**

**90 Day Utility Payment Deferral**

686-20: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County Council waive all penalties on Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Utility Accounts for March 2020, April 2020 and May 2020 to reduce the County's costs of monitoring and manually adjusting up to 1,617 Natural Gas Utility Customer accounts in respect to Alberta Premier, Jason Kenney's announcement on March 18, 2020, proposing no penalties or interest be applied to the deferred payments on all utility accounts for customers who have been affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic and who contact the utility company to do so.

Carried.

One member of the public left the virtual meeting, time 12:55 pm

**Manager's Report - Summer Temporary Employment Position**

687-20: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County Council accept discussion held in regard to a Summer Temporary Employment Position with the Natural Gas Department for Year-2020, and the Natural Gas Manager's Report of statistics and activities dated April 7, 2020, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Natural Gas Rate – March 2020**

688-20: Orichowski That the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Rates for **March 2020**, from Gas Alberta in the amounts of \$1.60 (Gas Alberta Rate) + \$0.22 (Variable) + \$1.90 (Operations & Maintenance Charge) = \$3.72, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Natural Gas Rate – April 2020**

689-20: Cherniwchan That the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Rates for **April 2020**, from Gas Alberta in the amounts of \$2.10 (Gas Alberta Rate) + \$0.22 (Variable) + \$1.90 (Operations & Maintenance Charge) = \$4.22, be filed for information.

Carried.

**6. Correspondence:**

**Gas Alberta Inc.**

690-20: Orichowski That the email correspondence received by Smoky Lake County's Natural Gas Manager, from Allison Moller, Controller, Gas Alberta Inc. dated February 14, 2020, in regard to the Gas Alberta Inc.'s December 31, 2019 Interim Report, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Rural Utilities**

691-20: Lukinuk That the email correspondence received by Smoky Lake County's Natural Gas Manager, from Jason Cathcart, Director, Rural Utilities dated March 13, 2020, in regard to the relaxation of Rural Utilities Regulation, Schedule 3, Section 3: Annual Meetings, be filed for information.

Carried.

**Gas Alberta Inc.**

692-20: Lukinuk That the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County's Natural Gas Manager, from Paul Dunsmore, President & CEO, Gas Alberta Inc. dated March 16, 2020, in regard to an update to their business continuity, be filed for Information.

Carried.

**Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd.**

693-20: Cherniwchan That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the email correspondence received by Smoky Lake County's Natural Gas Manager, from Kevin Crush, Corporate Services Manager, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. dated March 19, 2020, in regard to encouraging customers to continue to pay their utility bills through existing payment methods available to them, instead of utilizing a 90-Day Utility Payment Deferral program.

Carried.

**Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd.**

694-20: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the email correspondence received by Smoky Lake County's Natural Gas Manager, from Kevin Crush, Corporate Services Manager, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. dated March 22, 2020, in regard to the Provincial information release dated March 20, 2020, providing a fact sheet summarizing the 90-day Utility Deferral Program.

Carried.

**Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd.**

695-20: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the correspondence received by Smoky Lake County's Natural Gas Manager, from Kevin Crush, Corporate Services Manager, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. dated March 26, 2020, in regard to Utilities being an Essential Service during COVID-19 Pandemic.

Carried.

**Next Meeting**

696-20: Gawalko That the next Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Meeting be scheduled for **Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** to be held Virtually and/or in the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

697-20: Halisky That the Smoky Lake County Natural Gas Meeting of April 15, 2020, be adjourned, time, 1:55 p.m.

Carried.

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CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER