

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

A G E N D A: County Council Meeting to be held for the
Purpose of the **Fire Protective Services Committee**

on

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

Virtual Through Zoom Platform

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82061639124?pwd=RENseE9VN04vcXQwVEJNVWI4UFpqQT09>

With Council physically present in the County Council Chambers, Smoky Lake.

1. Meeting:

1.1 Call to Order.

2. Agenda:

Acceptance of Agenda:
as presented or
subject to additions or deletions

3. Minutes:

3.1 Adopt **minutes** of **August 18, 2020** – Fire Protective Services Committee Meeting. ©

Recommendation: Motion to Adopt.

3.2 Fire Protective Services Committee August 18, 2020 - **Action List**. ©

Recommendation: File for Information.

4. Request for Decision:

4.1 Waskatenau Fire Hall Addition. ©

4.2 Smoky Lake County Emergency Services Levels of Service - Water Rescue. ©

4.3 Smoky Lake County Emergency Services Levels of Service – Ice Rescue. ©

5. Issues for Information:

5.1 Manager Report. ©

5.2 Jack Pine Wildfire at Twp 590A – RR 161. ©

6. Correspondence:

6.1 Mike Tucker, Wildfire Prevention Officer, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry:
Government of Alberta. Email dated September 17, 2020 Re: 18th Annual Fall Fire
Agency Meeting. ©

Recommendation: Acknowledge receipt.

7. Delegation(s):

7.1

8. Executive Session:

8.1

9. Date and time of Next Meeting(s):

Adjournment



SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **Fire Protective Services Committee Meeting** held on Tuesday, **August 18, 2020** at 9:08 A.M. held virtually online through Electronic Communication Technology: Zoom Meeting and physically in Council Chambers.

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

ATTENDANCE		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Tuesday, August 18, 2020</u>
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
2	Johnny Cherniwchan	Present in Chambers
3	Craig Lukinuk	Present in Chambers
4	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
5	Randy Orichowski	Present in Chambers
Interim CAO	Lydia Cielin	Virtually - Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Virtually - Present
Fire Chief	Scott Franchuk	Present in Chambers
Fire Protect. Srv. Asst.	Spencer Kotylak	Present in Chambers
Legislative Svcs/R.S.	Patti Priest	Virtually - Present

Virtually listening to the meeting as observers were:
Jordan Ruegg, Planning and Development Manager,
Kyle Schole, Planning and Development Assistant, and
Daniel Moric, Natural Gas Manager.

One Member of the Public was in virtual attendance.
No Members of the Media were in attendance.

2. Agenda:

989-20: Orichowski That the Fire Protective Services Committee Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, August 18, 2020, be adopted, as amended:

Addition to the Agenda:

1. Canadian Agricultural Safety Association "BeSafeGrain" Program.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

990-20: Cherniwchan That the Minutes of the Smoky Lake County Fire Protective Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

991-20: Halisky That the Action List from the Smoky Lake County Fire Protective Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, be filed for information.

Carried.

4. Request for Decision:

Smoky Lake Fire Department Storage Building

992-20: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County Council approve a preferred funding formula for the proposed project: Smoky Lake Fire Department Storage Building, of 60% Smoky Lake County in the amount \$240,000.00 (Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars) and 40% Town of Smoky Lake in the amount of \$160,000.00 (One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars) for a total Project Cost of \$400,000.00 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars), which may be built at a considered location adjacent to the existing fire hall in the Town of Smoky Lake.

Carried.

Town of Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County Joint Council Meeting

993-20: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County schedule a Joint Council meeting with the Town of Smoky Lake for **September 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** or alternatively, on September 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., to be held Virtually and/or in the County Council Chambers, for the purpose of discussing the Smoky Lake Fire Department Storage Building project.

Carried.

One member of the public virtually joined the meeting, time 9:55 a.m.

Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority 911 Dispatching

994-20: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County take no action to the request brought forward to reinstate the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority 911 Dispatch Text Message Notification System for elected Councillors, and uphold Council's February 13, 2018, Motion #282-18, which effectively removed all Councillors from the said notification system.

Carried.

5. Issues for Information:

Fire Chief's Report

995-20: Halisky

That the Smoky Lake County Fire Chief's Report prepared by Fire Chief: Scott Franchuk, dated June 9, 2020, be accepted as presented and filed for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

Supporting Fire Responded Mental Health

996-20: Orichowski

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the Government of Alberta news release titled Supporting first responders' mental health, on August 11, 2020 stating: over the next three years, \$4.5 million will support mental health treatment for first responders, including leading-edge research, prevention and stigma reduction, through a three-year grant program, starting 2020-21.

Carried.

Addition to the Agenda:

Canadian Agricultural Safety Association – BeSafeGrain Training Program

997-20: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the news article in regard to the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association's grain rescue training program for rural fire departments titled: "BeSafeGrain", which, upon completion of the said training, rural fire departments become eligible to receive a grain rescue tube and grain auger.

Carried.

7. Delegation:

No Delegation.

8. Executive Session:

No Executive Session.

Next Meeting

998-20: Halisky

The next Smoky Lake County **Fire Protective Services Committee Meeting** be scheduled for **Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** to be held Virtually and/or in the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

999-20: Luginuk

That the Smoky Lake County Fire Protective Services Committee Meeting of August 18, 2020, be adjourned, time 10:11 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIRMAN

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



ACTION LIST:

August 18, 2020 Fire Protective Services Committee Meeting



MOTION NO.	RESOLUTION	DEPARTMENT	ACTION	STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL
992-20	That Smoky Lake County Council approve a preferred funding formula for the proposed project: Smoky Lake Fire Department Storage Building, of 60% Smoky Lake County in the amount \$240,000.00 (Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars) and 40% Town of Smoky Lake in the amount of \$160,000.00 (One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars) for a total Project Cost of \$400,000.00 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars), which may be built at a considered location adjacent to the existing fire hall in the Town of Smoky Lake.	Legislative Services	<p>Legislative Services sent an email to the Town CAO and the Town Finance Assistant/Legislative Services on Aug.18'20 at 10:05 a.m. to notify them of Council's approval of the 60/40 Funding Formula as per motion #992-20.</p> <p>Discussion held by Council to further discuss the following at a Joint Council Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prepare a request for proposal RFP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 14' wide doors ▪ Underfloor heating & Boiler system • prepare an agreement for cost sharing going forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ County pays no rent ▪ Continue cost share on Utilities • approach the town to relocate all obstacles, such as tower truck waterfill 	
993-20	That Smoky Lake County schedule a Joint Council meeting with the Town of Smoky Lake for September 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. or alternatively, on September 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., to be held Virtually and/or in the County Council Chambers, for the purpose of discussing the Smoky Lake Fire Department Storage Building project.	Legislative Services	The meeting was scheduled for September 21, 2020, however an emergent issue with the new HAK School took president on the agenda and discussion of the Smoky Lake Fire Department Storage Building project will be held at a future meeting date to be determined.	
994-20	That Smoky Lake County take no action to the request brought forward to reinstate the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority 911 Dispatch Text Message Notification System for elected Councillors, and uphold Council's February 13, 2018, Motion #282-18, which effectively removed all Councillors from the said notification system.	Assistant CAO	No action required. Information retained for documentation purposes and historical reference.	



ACTION LIST:



August 18, 2020 Fire Protective Services Committee Meeting

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997-20	That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the news article in regard to the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association's grain rescue training program for rural fire departments titled: "BeSafeGrain", which, upon completion of the said training, rural fire departments become eligible to receive a grain rescue tube and grain auger.	Fire Chief	Smoky Lake County Fire Protective Services emailed each respective fire department to see if any interest expressed in the "BeSafeGrain" training on August 23, 2020. Smoky Lake County Fire Protective Services will be looking to host or partner with another surrounding municipality to co-host the training in 2021.	

Chief Administrative Officer



REQUEST FOR DECISION		DATE	October 14, 2020	4.1
TOPIC	Waskatenau Fire Hall Addition			
PROPOSAL	<p>Background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the March 11, 2020 Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee Meeting the Waskatenau Fire Chief – Casey Caron brought forward a quote from K.J. Roofing in the amount of \$27,300.00 for the addition to the Waskatenau Fire Hall and the following motion was passed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “That the Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee defer discussion in regard to quote #709950, dated December 4, 2019 prepared by Kurt Stahl of K.J. Roofing, Bellis, Alberta in the amount of \$26,000.00 excluding G.S.T. for materials and construction of a lean-to for the purpose of sheltering Waskatenau Fire Department equipment, to the Village of Waskatenau for the Village of Waskatenau to take action on it as they see fit.” • On April 15, 2020 Smoky Lake County received a letter from Village of Waskatenau CAO – Bernice Macyk asked the County to cost share the addition to the Waskatenau Fire Hall 50%/50%. See Attachment 1 • The letter was addressed at the April 23, 2020 County Budget Meeting and the following motion was passed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “That Smoky Lake County approve the concept of financially assisting the Village of Waskatenau with the Project: Waskatenau Fire Department’s Rapid Attack Unit Shelter, at an estimated total project cost in the amount of \$30,000.00 with a cost-share of 50/50 subject to the Village of Waskatenau providing three (3) quotes for the said project and upon Smoky Lake County receiving approval notice of grant funding in August 2020 for the grant application submitted by Smoky Lake County on March 30, 2020 to the Farm Credit Canada (FCC) AgriSpirit Fund in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the said project; in response to the letter received from Bernice Macyk, Chief administrative Officer, Village of Waskatenau, dated April 7, 2020. • On August 21, 2020 County Fire Chief received a response from the Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirti Fund denying our application. See Attachment 2 <p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waskatenau Rapid Attack Unit 462 sits outside the Waskatenau Fire Hall from spring until fall for the members to use. • In fall when the temperatures drop below zero Unit 462 is drained of water, winterized and brought to the Smoky Lake County Shop for the winter months. <p>Note: In the week of September 28 – October 5 Rapid Attack Unit 462 had firefighting tools and fuel from the pump was stolen but unsuccessful attempts to get into the toolboxes. This is the first theft of 2020 but in the pass 5 years on an annual basis theft occurred on this unit.</p> <p>Proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On August 31, 2020 Smoky Lake County received a letter from the Village of Waskatenau CAO – Bernice Macyk requesting the County to cost share this project and accept the quote from Vantage Builders Ltd in the amount of \$28,885.00. See Attachment 3 			

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VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU

Box 99, Waskatenau, Alberta T0A 3P0

Phone: (780) 358-2208
Fax: (780) 358-2208
Email: waskvillage@mcsnet.ca
Website: www.waskatenau.ca

April 7, 2020

RECEIVED
APR 15 2020
SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Smoky Lake County
Box 310
Smoky Lake, Alberta
T0A 3C0

Attention: Cory Ollikka

Re: Village of Waskatenau Rapid Attack Unit Shelter

The Village of Waskatenau wishes to request assistance from the Smoky Lake County to help cost share 50/50% with the Village of Waskatenau expenses for the construction of a new Shelter for the Waskatenau Fire Department Rapid Attack Unit. The Village of Waskatenau obtained a cost estimate for the Shelter in the amount of \$30,000.00.

We would appreciate your consideration with helping our municipality with this project and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Thank you

Bernice Macyk, CAO
Village of Waskatenau

/bm

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CORRELATION TO BUSINESS (STRATEGIC) PLAN	
LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS	Policy 02-15-01 Fire Department Standard Operation Guidelines
BENEFITS	- Provides safe and effective equipment for the fire department - Prevents theft
DISADVANTAGES	
ALTERNATIVES	
FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	
Operating Costs: _____	Capital Costs: <u>\$14,442.50</u>
Budget Available: _____	Source of Funds: <u>MO</u>
Budgeted Costs: <u>Reserves – 1,500,000.00</u>	Unbudgeted Costs: _____
INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS	
COMMUNICATION STRATEGY	

RECOMMENDATION	
<p>1. That Smoky Lake County agree to cost share the Waskatenau Fire Hall Addition for the Rapid Attack Unit 462 Shelter on the basis of a 50/50 funding formula with the County's portion in the amount of \$14,442.50 and approved for the Village of Waskatenau to proceed to contract Vantage Builders Ltd quote in the amount of \$28,885.00</p> <p>2. That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the email received on August 21, 2020 from Community Investment Team, Farm Credit Canada, in regards to the March 30, 2020 grant application submission to the Farm Credit Canada (FCC) AgriSpirit Fund in the amount of \$25,000.00 funding was unsuccessful for the Waskatenau Fire Hall addition</p>	
Fire Chief	

Scott Franchuk

From: Farm Credit Canada AS <AgriSpirit-AgriEsprit@fcc-fac.ca>
Sent: August 21, 2020 10:51 AM
To: scott franchuk
Subject: FCC AgriSpirit Fund Response - Smoky Lake Curling Club
Attachments: proposal.pdf



Canada



Dear Scott,

Thank you for applying to the FCC AgriSpirit Fund.

We're extremely pleased with the quality of responses from the over 1100 applications we received this year. Unfortunately, the need far outweighs the funds available, so we're unable to provide funding for your project at this time.

FCC carefully evaluates each eligible funding request with a three-phase approach:

1. Phase 1 - all projects are assigned a score according to predetermined assessment criteria.
2. Phase 2 - projects are divided geographically and regional evaluators independently score the projects again according to fund objectives.
3. Phase 3 - the \$1.5 million is divided according to rural population (2016 census) and selection committees make decisions based on Phase 1 and 2 combined scores, regional distribution and variety of projects.

We encourage you to apply for funding again next year. To find out more about the next application period, visit the fund webpage FCCAgriSpiritFund.ca. The list of the 2020 funded projects will be posted there in September.

We applaud your commitment to our community and wish you great success with your project.

Sincerely,

Community Investment Team

Farm Credit Canada



VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU

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August 26, 2020



Smoky Lake County
 Box 310
 Smoky Lake, Alberta
 T0A 3C0

Re: Rapid Attack Unit Shelter

The Village of Waskatenau acknowledges the Smoky Lake County Motion #701-20 with part of the motion approval subject to the Village of Waskatenau obtaining three (3) quotes for the project.

The Village of Waskatenau is having a difficult time obtaining three (3) quotes from Contractors after numerous attempts. We received a quote from Vantage Builders Ltd. for a total project cost of \$28,885.00 not including GST and have attached a copy for your review. We have also enclosed the quote previously received from KJ Roofing.

The Village of Waskatenau passed Motion #189-2020 at the August 20, 2020 Council meeting to accept the quote from Vantage Builders Ltd. In the amount of \$28,885.00, excluding GST and to send a letter to the Smoky Lake County asking them to reconsider getting three (3) quotes for the cost-shared project for the new Rapid Attack Unit Shelter between the Village of Waskatenau and Smoky Lake County.

We ask that you approve the quote from Vantage Builders Ltd. In the amount of \$28,885.00, excluding GST and agree to cost-share the project of the new Rapid Attack Unit Shelter with the Village of Waskatenau. Upon the Smoky Lake County approval we would like to get this Shelter built prior to the snow fall this year.

We look forward to your response.

Thank you

Bernice Macyk, CAO
 Village of Waskatenau

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June 17, 2020

Village of Waskatenau

Box 99

Waskatenau, AB

Attention: Bernice Macyk

Re: Rapid Attack Unit Shelter 31'6" x 14' x 14' high side

Thank you for considering Vantage for your building needs. We have included the following in our scope of work:

- North, west and south wall framed with 2" x 6" studs
- East wall against existing building 2" x 4" studs
- 2" x 10" roof rafters
- Double 2" x 10" overhead door header
- PWF bottom plate against concrete
- 2" x 4" sp. strapping 24" o/c on roof
- ½" sp. Plywood on walls (interior and exterior) and ceiling
- R20 6" insulation in walls
- R28 9" insulation between rafters
- 6 mil poly vapour barrier
- 29 gauge Hi tensile galvalume roof sheeting
- 29 gauge Hi tensile colored wall cladding
- Included all necessary fasteners, flashing, caulking and labour
- 12' x 10' TD 134 R16 white overhead with 3" commercial hardware, pusher springs and 3 24" x 12" thermopane windows
- ½ HP jack shaft operator c/w spreader bar and 1 remote transmitter
- 3' x 7' steel insulated walk in door c/w keyless entry lock
- 4- 8' LED strip lights
- Switch for lights



- Overhead Door operator hook up
- 3 – 20 amp 120 volt receptacles
- Sub panel 4/8 CCT 120/240 volts 1 phase panel box wired from existing panel
- Breakers as required
- Grounding as per CEC
- All necessary labour to install

Total Cost: \$28,885.00 GST not included

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to call our office.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hugh Ziprick', written in a cursive style.

Hugh Ziprick

C/O Candy (over)

Plus Electrical
Total Project Estimate \$30,000.00

OUR NUMBER 7 9950

DATE 4/2019

CUSTOMER'S ORDER

Work for Haul

Work 10.

SHIP TO **K. J. Roofing**
Kurt Stahl
ADDRESS **PO Box 106, Bellis, AB T0A 0J0**
GST# 137580068 RT0001

FOB **Estimate** TERMS **Estimate** VIA

INVOICE

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
	1/2" x 2" x 10' Lumber for beams - USE FIRE		
	2x4's, 2x6's, insulation		
	Shrapnel on roof, 1/2" plywood on		
	cut side wall and inside wall.		
	Other work in place and delivery		\$9,500 -
	Energy star installed		2,500 -
	Labour		14,000 -
	Aluminum Door Opener		
	31 6" x 14 1"		
	10' Door x 11' wide		
	Sub total		26,000 -
	GST		1,300 -
	TOTAL		\$27,300 -

~~Storage Bunker - 4/2019~~
~~DR~~

REQUEST FOR DECISION		DATE	October 14, 2020	4.2
TOPIC	Smoky Lake County Emergency Services Levels of Service - Water Rescue			
PROPOSAL	<p>Background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the past 7 years Smoky Lake County Emergency Services responded to 7 incident involving lakes and 6 incidents involving the North Saskatchewan River for a total of 13 incidents. • Hanmore Lake: 2 over-turned boats resulted in 2 body recoveries. • Mons Lake: 1 over-turned boat resulted in 2 body recoveries. • Island Lake: 1 over-turned boat resulted in Fish and Wildlife Officer rescuing 3 patients off one of the islands on the lake and 1 stranded fisherman boat resulted in RCMP requesting a cabin owner to rescue the stranded boat. • Garner Lake: 1 over-turned boated resulted in other boats picking up the patients from the water and bringing to shore and 1 patient injured in the water from part-taking in water sports resulted in EMS and Fire crews using a private boat to access the patient and safely getting the patient out of the water and to the hospital. • All incidents on the lakes, emergency crews relied on using fire department members individual boats or private boats that were at the lake that day. For the search and rescue Fish and Wildlife (Smoky Lake and Athabasca), St. Paul and Bonnyville RCMP boats were used as well. • North Saskatchewan River: 2 bodies floating down the river resulted in Cold Lake RCMP Jet boat along with our fire crew recovering the bodies. 1 patient fell into the water resulting in other canoes assisting to get them to shore. 1 patient stranded on the shoreline resulted the fire crew to use ladders and ropes to rescue the patient. 2 quadders got stuck in sinking sand along the river resulting in fire crews finding the patients by walking and using ropes and ladders to rescue the quadders. Lastly, 1 quadder rolled his quad down the bank of the river resulting in emergency crews walking to the patient and stabilizing until Fish and Wildlife boat from Devon (3.5 hours) arrived to transport the patient to the ambulance. <p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoky Lake County Emergency Services relies on the members and agencies to provide water access for the crews which can be time consuming which can jeopardize patient outcome. • Due to the recent incidents on the North Saskatchewan River “Rescue Throw Bags” (\$60/bag) were purchased as our only option to rescue someone in the moving water. • Metis Crossing summer programs involve accessing the river for recreation and are relying on Smoky Lake County Emergency Services to provide rescue services if needed as part of their emergency response plan. 			

Proposal:

1. That Smoky Lake County Emergency Services inform Metis Crossing that the fire departments will not be providing water rescue as a level of service.
2. That Smoky County Emergency Services incorporate water rescue into the fire department level of service and include budget costs for the 2021 Smoky Lake County budget.

Water Rescue Costs:

Item	Cost
230 hp 3 man Seadoo (Jet Boat) with trailer	16,799.00
Rescue board, lifejackets, and rescue ropes	2,000.00
Water Rescue Training (\$1,000/person) x 6	\$6,000
Boater license (\$75/person) x 6	\$450.00
Total	25,249.00

- Water Rescue will require: 4-6 members trained, and maintenance will only be required for the Seadoo.
- **Storage Facility will be required for the equipment, currently there is no room to store this equipment.**
- To keep current annual training will be completed and a minor increase to the fire departments training budget.

CORRELATION TO BUSINESS (STRATEGIC) PLAN

LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy 02-15-01 Fire Department Standard Operation Guidelines

BENEFITS

- Provides safe and effective equipment for the fire department
- Proactive to Community needs

DISADVANTAGES

- *Increasing the demand on the fire Service*

ALTERNATIVES

- Request that contract services are needed to provide the service

FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Operating Costs:	<u>\$6,450.00 (Training)</u>	Capital Costs:	<u>\$18,799.00</u>
Budget Available:	_____	Source of Funds:	<u>MO</u>
Budgeted Costs:	<u>Reserves – 1,500,000.00</u>	Unbudgeted Costs:	_____

INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

RECOMMENDATION

1. This require further discussion with Council due to Metis Crossing current expansion as more information is necessary to quantify this type of rescue prior to proposing an increase level of service to the Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee Meeting.

Fire Chief



REQUEST FOR DECISION		DATE	October 14, 2020	4.3												
TOPIC	Smoky Lake County Emergency Services Levels of Service - Ice Rescue															
PROPOSAL	<p>Background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the past 3 years Smoky Lake County Emergency Services responded to 2 incidents involving ice rescue. Hanmore Lake: 1 truck front end broke through the ice, no patients in the water and fire crews did not have to provide any assistance. Mons Lake: 1 truck front end broke through the ice, no patients in the water and fire crews provided a warm place to stay until help arrived. <p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the purchase of the "Rescue Throw Bags" (1 per truck for a total of 8) for water rescue that is the only equipment the fire departments have to respond to an ice rescue incident currently, which comes at a high risk as members would have to get close enough to throw the rescue bag to the patient. <p>Proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Smoky Lake County Emergency Services defer the ice rescue level of service to future discussion at the Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee meeting when all levels of service are reviewed. <p>Please note for Council's information the cost of providing ice rescue in the Smoky Lake Region is outlined below.</p> <p>Ice Rescue Costs:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white;"> <th style="text-align: center;">Item</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ice rescue boat</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$4,575.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ice rescue suits (2)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$3,798.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ropes and harnesses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$800.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water Rescue Training (\$475/person) x 6</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,850.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$12,023.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the Region incorporates Ice Rescue as a level of services the goal is to have 4-6 members trained and the only maintenance will be to inspect all equipment. Water and Ice rescue share some of the same equipment ex (ropes and harnesses) if both levels of service are incorporated there will be some budget savings. Currently we have no storage room to house any additional equipment. 				Item	Cost	Ice rescue boat	\$4,575.00	Ice rescue suits (2)	\$3,798.00	Ropes and harnesses	\$800.00	Water Rescue Training (\$475/person) x 6	\$2,850.00	Total	\$12,023.00
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CORRELATION TO BUSINESS (STRATEGIC) PLAN																
LEGISLATIVE, BYLAW and/or POLICY IMPLICATIONS		Policy 02-15: Fire Department Standard Operation Guidelines Policy 02-03: Fire Department Level of Service														

BENEFITS	- Provides safe and effective equipment for the fire department	
DISADVANTAGES	- <i>Increasing the demand on the fire Service</i>	
ALTERNATIVES	- Request that contract services are needed to provide the service	
FINANCE/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS		
Operating Costs:	<u>\$12,023.00</u>	Capital Costs: _____
Budget Available:	_____	Source of Funds: <u>MO</u>
Budgeted Costs:	<u>Reserves – 1,500,000.00</u>	Unbudgeted Costs: _____
INTERGOVERNMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS		
COMMUNICATION STRATEGY		
RECOMMENDATION		
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<i>Fire Chief</i>		



EMERGENCY SERVICES PLAN
(ES) COMMUNITY SERVICES

Goal	Progress Update
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Administrative Activity (FIRE): 100%

Scott Franchuk:
Achievements:

- Working on quotes for the Smoky Lake Fire Department Storage Shed
- Met with Metis Crossing to review and discuss the new lodge design and fire suppression options
- Completed 2021 operational budget meeting with Administration
- Completed agenda packages and attended the Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee Meeting
- Submitting reports to the Wildfire investigators
- Working on Covid-19 revenue loss for the finance department
- Working on Municipal Wildfire Assistance Program (MWAP) Grant
- Working on Fire Reports
- 14 Alberta Alberta Transportation invoices completed
- Working on 7 outstanding fire invoices
- Completed 3 fire inspections with Province (Metis Crossing, Smoky Lake School, Smoky Lake Day Care)
- Completed drone work for Public Works on the White Earth Creek by RR 170 north of Hwy 28
- Completed drone work for Public Works around Mons Lake

Council Action Required: Meeting dates are required with the Town of Smoky Lake, Village of Waskatenau and Village of Vilna to review the Joint Opertation Bylaws as well 2021 budgets and capital projects.

Challenges: *No value*

Next Steps: *No value*
 2020/10/13

Fire Protective Services: 100%

Scott Franchuk:
Achievements:

- 47 fire permits issued with 36 inspected
- 2 Fireworks permits issued

Challenges: *No value*

Next Steps: *No value*
 2020/10/13

Waskatenau Fire Department: 100%

Scott Franchuk:

Achievements:

- Waskatenau Fire responded to 6 collisions and 2 fires
- The department hosted 2 training nights
- County Fire Chief met with the department to complete a 2021 draft budget
- New printer/fax machine was purchased from the fire hall
- The department as implemented the new Fire Q app for responding to calls
- Engine 408 pump and report test were completed
- Engine 408 had 2 air leaks, 1 was fixed and a control valve was ordered and needs to be replaced
- Rapid Attack exhaust sensor was replaced

Challenges: *No value*

Next Steps: *No value*

2020/10/13

Smoky Lake Fire Department: 100%

Scott Franchuk:

Achievements:

- Smoky Lake Fire responded to 6 collisions, 7 fires, 3 medicals and 3 fire alarms
- The Department hosted 3 fire practices and 1 business meeting
- County Fire Chief met with the department to discuss 2021 draft budget
- Engine 459 CVIP was completed
- Engine 459 and Engine 405 pump and road tests were completed
- SCBA compressor annual service and air samples completed

Challenges: *No value*

Next Steps: *No value*

2020/10/13

Vilna Fire Department: 100%

Scott Franchuk:

Achievements:

- Vilna Fire was out at 5 collisions, 5 fires and 1 fire alarm
- The department hosted 5 training nights
- County Fire Chief met with the department to discuss the 2021 draft budget
- Engine 401 pump and road tests were completed
- SCBA compressor annual service and air samples completed
- Rapid Attack 419 master power switch was replaced

Challenges: *No value*

Next Steps: *No value*

2020/10/13

Training Activity (FIRE): 100%

Scott Franchuk:

Achievements:

- Fire Investigation Association of Alberta National Wildfire Investigation Workshop - Nov 17-19 postponed
- S 300 - Basic Firefighter: Nov 14-15 and Nov 28-29 hosted by Smoky Lake

Challenges: *No value*

Next Steps: *No value*

2020/10/13

Council Member Inquiry (FIRE): 100%

Scott Franchuk:

Achievements: No Council inquiries

Challenges: *No value*

Next Steps: *No value*

2020/10/13

Jack Pine Wildfire at Twp 590A – RR 161

October 6, 2020

- At 2:42 pm Smoky Lake Fire Department responded to a wildfire at Twp 590A – RR 161
- First crews\ arrived on scene and protected the cabin from burning down
- Second crews arrived on scene and informed incident command the fire jumped Twp 590A and head south east
- Vilna Fire Department was called for mutual aid
- 3 contract cats and 1 County cat were able to cut a fire guard around the north, west and east sides of the fire, the south side could not be contained due to the terrain
- Fire crews worked on extinguishing the perimeter and south west corner of the fire
- Fire crews worked until 3:00 am until the temperatures dropped lowering the fire behavior and risks.

October 7, 2020

- The County Cat widened the fire guards to make them drivable with the rapid attack units
- County water tanker on scene supplying water to rapid attack units
- Smoky Lake County Fire Department worked on extinguishing the fire on the north side by the cabin where the ground fires was 6-8 inches deep
- Active fire broke out on the south side with no fire guard present, threatening homes to the west and the tree nursery to the east
- The County cat tried to gain access by building a road down the bank but due to the unstable terrain and high risk to equipment and operator the operation was stopped 6 hours into the task
- Due to the steep terrain fire crews had no access to the fire or equipment to extinguish the fire
- At 4:27 pm Smoky Lake County Emergency Services requested mutual aid from the Lac La Biche Agriculture and Forestry.
- County Emergency Services worked from 8:00 am to 9:15 pm

October 8, 2020

- County Emergency Services worked from 8:00 am to 9:45 pm extinguishing the perimeter
- The County tanker on scene supplying water to the rapid attack units
- County cat cut more fire guards for the Alberta Wildfire Firefighters to work on the steep terrain
- Alberta Wildfire firefighters (11) arrived at 11:20 am
- The Supervisor was given a tour of the fire and was assigned the steep terrain to extinguish the fire completely
- Alberta Wildfire firefighters worked from 11:20 am to 7:35 pm
- Smoky Lake County Emergency Services provided supper for the crews

October 9, 2020

- County Emergency Service worked from 8:00 am to 9:40 pm extinguishing the fire north of Twp 590A
- The County tanker on scene supplying water to the rapid attack units
- The County cat was released from the scene at 9:30 am
- Alberta Wildfire firefighters worked from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on the steep terrain
- Smoky Lake County Emergency Services provided lunch and supper for the crews

October 10, 2020

- County Emergency Services worked from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm as the Alberta wildfire firefighters started working the flat fire ground and strung out hoses blocking access for the rapid attack units
- Alberta Wildfire Firefighters worked from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
- Smoky Lake County Emergency Services provided lunch and supper for the crews

October 11

- Alberta Wildfire Firefighters worked from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm extinguishing all ground fires inside the perimeter of the fire
- The fire was 95% extinguished by 8:00 pm
- Smoky Lake County Emergency Services provided lunch and supper for the crews

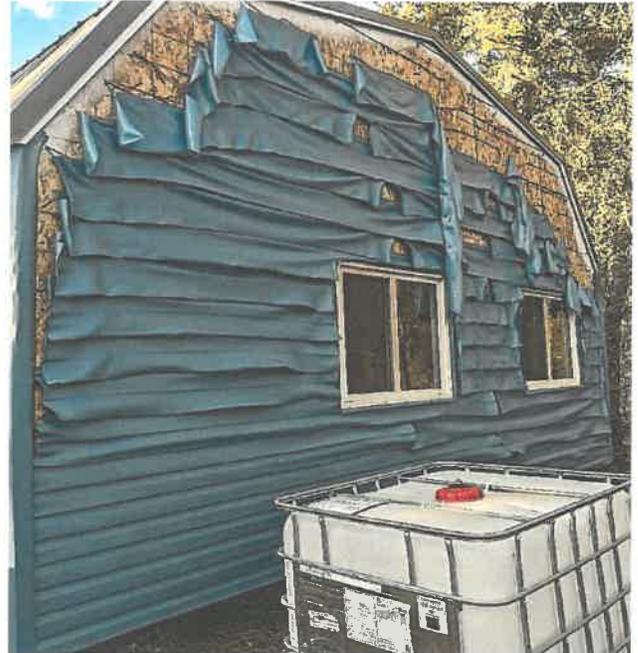
October 12

- Alberta Wildfire Firefighters worked from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm extinguishing all ground fires inside the perimeter of the fire
- Crews had to clean up 4,200 feet for forestry hose and two, 3 stage pumps
- The crew supervisor met with the Smoky Lake County Fire Chief and completed a final walk through the entire fire zone
- Alberta Wildfire Firefighters finished packing and cleared scene at 4:47 pm after the County Fire Chief signed off on the fire.
- Smoky Lake County Emergency Services provided lunch and supper for the crews

Facts about the fire

- 3.2 km of fire guard was cut
- 12.91 hectors burnt
- Ground fire were burning 6-8 inches deep
- Smoky Lake County Emergency Services extinguished about 30% of the fire
- It took Alberta Wildfire Firefighters 2 full day to extinguish 10% of the fire (Steep Terrain) and 2 full day to extinguish the other 60% on flat ground.
- Smoky Lake County will be applying for the Municipal Wildfire Assistance Program grant to cover the cost of extinguishing this fire if we meet the grant qualifications which requires a minimum of \$61,525.00 in expenses

Note Alberta Wildfire Firefighters cost \$4,000.00/day plus meals.









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Cc: Derek Bakker; Clifton McKay; Nancey Havenga; Derek Gough; Billy Tchir; Jesse Spidell; Brian Stanton
Subject: 18th Annual Fall Fire Agency Meeting

Well the geese are flying , the fields are being worked, and the sun is setting on what will be the strangest fire season that I can recall. Due to the current societal constraints its saddens me to not have this meeting this fall.

Here's a recap and the current state of the Wildfire Management Branch

Rain, Rain, and more rain

Some of the highest amounts of precipitation we have seen in the last 30 years were experienced this summer. Heart Lake lookout NE of LLB had the highest amount of 658mm or 26 inches since April 1st. The average across the area was 429 mm. This resulted in one of the more quieter fire seasons for this office and the province. To date the LLB Fire Center has responded to 99 fires, with the provincial FPA numbers sitting at 636 fires, burning 1478 ha.

Operational Capacity

The spring budget brought cuts to Agriculture and Forestry resulting in the loss of numerous fire lookouts, the rappel program, an air tanker group, and numerous support positions.

For the Lac la Biche Fire Center it meant the loss of 1 lookout tower on the north end of the weapons range, 21 trained and experienced rappel fire fighters, 2 medium helicopters, and numerous reductions to support positions.

Permanent staff layoffs are still being differed month by month. So the true impact of Budget 2020 is unknown at this time.

A 200 firefighter surge hire was announced after the recruitment period had ended. For Lac la Biche this meant the addition of 20 new recruits with no experience for one fire season.

The 200 have since been laid off with no plans of rehire at this time.

I am happy to report that after numerous attempts (5 job postings spanning multiple years) the Forest Area Manager was recruited to.

Contact information: Derek Bakker Forest Area Manager (780) 623-5300 (Office)

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All other permanent positions in the Fire Center are currently filled as well.

Fire Control Orders

This spring a Fire Ban and OHV Ban was ordered in the FPA essential banning snowmobiles, and warming fires with snow cover.

The OHV Ban was later rescinded by way of a Facebook video post while the Fire Ban remained in place on the snow covered parts of the FPA.

A high call volume from the public with complaints and concerns was noted namely around confusion of why and where the orders applied.

The fire ban was rescinded in the middle of the summer. I would anticipate the ability to allow agricultural and industrial burning during these orders to continue.

Currently there are fire control orders in place in southern part of the FPA. Alberta Fire Bans website appeared to be able to handle the traffic adequately with a few hiccups with the programing observed.

<https://www.albertafirebans.ca/> is still planned to be funded and maintained at this time.

Enclosed fire was also a term that caused confusion this spring. While the intent was wood stoves, some public thought chimeras are enclosed which they are not.

The approved public facing activities list is here: <https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/8259a745-2f34-427d-86e3-69fea634f20c/resource/5e3dd23c-7aa0-4015-a422-5172397ad976/download/aep-2020-fire-ban-system-approved-activities.pdf>

Alberta Fire ban system: <https://wildfire.alberta.ca/prevention/fire-ban-system.aspx>

Mutual Aid Fire Control Plans

A few plans are expiring in 2021; Nancey or Clifton will be in touch in the new year to update these.

FireSmart Funding for Municipalities

FRIAA still has funding available and is working through a call for proposals currently.

Structure Protection in the FPA

This is uncertain at this time. You are far more up to speed on the state of OFC or lack there of one than I.

Spring Wildfire Training

We are planning on offering the usual spring training; however, time will tell on what society will be look in the new year.

Arson Fires

Wildland arson is still a high concern for this area, with a few fires classed as such this spring.

Legislation

The Forest Protection Area Regulation is up for renewal. Likely change is the removal of the expiration date. If you have a desire for change to the area, now is the time.

That's about all I have at the moment. Best of luck through these challenging times. There will be a lot of dead grass out there come spring fire season 2021.

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