



**Smoky Lake County
Meeting Minutes**

Special Council Meeting July 24, 2025 - 01:00 PM

(Virtually: <https://video.businessconnect.telus.com>)

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Meeting ID: 803657351

and Physically in Smoky Lake County Council Chambers, 4612
McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake

1 Called To Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 1:12 p.m. By the Reeve, Jered Serben, in the physical and virtual presence of the following persons:

ATTENDANCE		
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Thursday, June 12, 2025</u>
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
2	Linda Fenerty	Present in Chambers
3 / Deputy Reeve	Dominique Céré	Present in Chambers
4	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
5 / Reeve	Jered Serben	Present in Chambers
CAO	Kevin Lucas	Present in Chambers
Executive Assistant	Chyenne Shaw	Present in Chambers
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Absent
Recording Secretary	Meaghan Andreychuk	Virtually Present

<u>Observers in Attendance Upon Call to Order:</u>		
Comm. Officer	Evonne Zukiwski	Virtually Present
P & D Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Virtually Present
Health & Safety Cor.	Jasmine Schaub	Absent
Acting Ag Fieldman	Kierstin Dubitz	Present in Chambers
Enviro Ops Manager	Dave Franchuk	Virtually Present
Natural Gas Mng.	Daniel Moric	Virtually Present
Public	3 Members	Virtually Present

2 Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No: 635-25: Fenerty

That the Smoky Lake County Council Special Meeting Agenda for July 24, 2025, be adopted, as presented.

Carried.

3 Adoption of Minutes

Nil.

4 Request for Decisions

4.1 Declaration of Agricultural Disaster

Resolution No: 636-25: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council declare a Municipal Agricultural Disaster effective July 24, 2025, in response to widespread drought conditions, low growing

season moisture, coupled with long periods of heat and wind, which have significantly depleted soil moisture reserves, and have severely impacted all segments of agricultural production within Smoky Lake County.

Carried.

4.1.1 Press Release from Smoky Lake County

Resolution No: 637-25: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County prepare a Press Release in regard to declaring a Municipal Agricultural Disaster, effective July 24, 2025, to bring awareness to the difficult situation our producers are facing currently and will be facing in the coming weeks and months, due to the widespread drought conditions and to emphasize the importance of our agriculture industry not only to our municipality and province, but the entire country and globally, forward the release to the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation – RJ. Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food- H. MacDonald and RMA Members Kara Westerlund (President)and Kevin Wirsta (Director: Division 5).

Carried.

5 Next Meetings

5.1 Confirmation of Next Meetings:

Resolution No: 638-25 Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council confirm next meeting dates:

- Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular)
- Thursday, September 11 and 25, 2025. at 9:00 a.m. (Regular)

Carried.

6 In Camera (Executive Session)

Resolution No: 639-25: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 17: Personnel in the physical presence of all Council and Executive Services Clerk, and Agricultural Fieldperson time 1:16 p.m.

Agricultural Fieldperson left Council Chambers at 1:21 p.m.

Carried.

7 Out of Camera (Executive Session)

Resolution No: 640-25: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 2:08 p.m.

Carried.

8 Adjournment

Resolution No: 641-25 Gawalko

That the Smoky Lake County Council Special Meeting of July 24, 2025, be adjourned, time 2:08 p.m.

Carried.