



**Smoky Lake County
Meeting Minutes**

Regular Council Meeting August 28, 2025 - 09:00 AM

(Virtually: <https://video.businessconnect.telus.com/join/050906757>)

1 Called To Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 9:00 a.m. by the Reeve, Jered Serben, in the presence of the following persons:

		ATTENDANCE
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Thursday, August 28th, 2025</u>
1	Dan Gawalko	Present in Chambers
2	Linda Fenerty	Virtually Present
3 / Deputy Reeve	Dominique C��r��	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	Absent
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present in Chambers
Recording Secretary	Meaghan Andreychuk	Present in Chambers
<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	Virtually Present
Enviro Ops Manager	Dave Franchuk	Virtually Present
Natural Gas Mng.	Daniel Moric	Virtually Present
Community Peace Officer	Warren Young	Present in Chambers
Fire Chief	Scott Franchuk	Virtually Present
Public Works Manager	Chris Minailo	Present in Chambers
GIS	Carole Dowhaniuk	Virtually Present
Public	11 Members	Virtually Present

2 Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No: 663-25

Moved by: Dominique C  r  

Smoky Lake County Council held a moment of silence in memory of the late Dareld Cholak, honoring his many years of dedicated service to the County as both Councillor and Reeve.

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting Agenda for August 28, 2025, be adopted, with the following additions:

2025 Livestock Tax Deferral- Prescribed Regions

CARRIED

3 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of the June 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

Resolution No: 664-25

Moved by: Dan Gawalko

That the minutes of the **Smoky Lake County Regular Council Meeting**, held on June 25, 2025, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3.2 Minutes of the June 25 2025 Municipal Planning Commission Meeting

Resolution No: 665-25

Moved by Lorne Halisky

That the minutes of the Municipal Planning Commission, held on June 25, 2025, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3.3 Minutes of the July 31, 2025 Special Council Meeting

Resolution No: 666-25

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council adopt the minutes of the July 31st, 2025, Special Council Meeting with the following amendment:

Amend Motion 638-25

Remove "comprehensive" and replaced with "High Level Phase 1"

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the engagement of a qualified third-party consultant to conduct a **High Level Phase 1** organizational review to be completed by Sept 5, 2025 and presented at the September 11 Regular Council Meeting, not to exceed \$20,400.00. The purpose of the review will be to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the organization as a whole, with the goal of enhancing the efficiency, effectiveness, and quality of services and programs delivered by the County.

CARRIED

4 Delegation(s)

5 Public Hearing

NIL

6 Request for Decisions

6.1 Grader Operational Plan

Resolution No: 667-25

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council defer approval and consider the operational plan and capital investment at Council's discretion during the 2026 budget deliberations.

CARRIED

6.2 Delegation Kevin Wawrynychuk @9:15 a.m.**Resolution No:** 668-25

Moved by: Dan Gawalko

Kevin Wawrynychuk, entered Council Chambers at 9:07 a.m.

Smoky Lake County Council accept the verbal presentation dated August 28, 2025 from Kevin Wawrynychuk.

CARRIED**6.2.1 In Camera @ 9:20****Resolution No:** 669-25

Moved by: Dominique Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 27: Privileged information, in the physical and virtual presence of all Council, Kevin Wawrynychuk, Legislative Services Clerk, Public Works Manager, and Finance Manager time 9:20 a.m.

CARRIED**6.2.1.1 Out of Camera****Resolution No:** 670-25

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 9:53

CARRIED**6.2.2 Cattle Grazing Lease Discussion****Resolution No:** 671-25

Moved by: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to research information regarding the grazing lease and contracts associated in the Legacy Pit location and bring back to the September 11th, Regular County Council Meeting.

CARRIED**6.3 In Camera****Resolution No:** 672-25

Moved by: Dan Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 16: Third Party Business Interest, in the physical and virtual presence of all Council and Legislative Services, Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Water and Waste Manager time 9:59 a.m.

CARRIED**6.3.1 Out of Camera****Resolution No:** 673-25

Moved by: Dan Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 10:32

CARRIED**6.3.2 RFD Hauling and Disposal of Solid waste Contract.****Resolution No:** 674-25

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to reissue the tender with a more focused scope, using the same criteria for each individual tender, for the September 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED**6.4 MLA Glenn van Dijken @10:30 a.m.****Resolution No:** 675-25

Moved by: Dan Gawalko

The Honourable MLA Glenn van Dijken entered Council Chambers at 10:32 a.m.

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the verbal presentation dated August 28, 2025, from the Honourable MLA Glenn van Dijken.

CARRIED**6.5 Public Question and Answer Period between 11:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.**

Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief of Smoky Lake County, raised concerns about the accuracy of the information provided in the CAO Report, dated June 2025.

Scott Franchuk, Fire Chief, Left Council Chambers at 11:34 p.m.

6.6 A. Doktor - RCMP @ 11:00 a.m.**Resolution No:** 676-25

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the verbal presentation dated August 28, 2025 from Sargent Anita Doktor, member of the RCMP.

CARRIED**6.6.1 Motion to accept Question and Answer period****Resolution No:** 677-25

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the information brought forward in the Question and Answer period from 11:30 a.m. to 11:33 a.m.

CARRIED**6.6.2 Recessed for lunch @ 12:00 p.m.****6.6.2.1 Resumed meeting at 12:47 p.m.**

6.7 MCC Loan Close**Resolution No:** 678-25

Moved by: Dan Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County write off \$86,360.94 interest due from the MCC for Smoky Lake Development Corp and cancel the General Security Agreement and Promissory Note signed between the MCC For Smoky Lake Development Corp (the Borrower) and Smoky Lake County (The Lender) as signed.

CARRIED**6.7.1 motion 2****Resolution No:** 679-25

Moved by: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County give first reading to Bylaw No 1483-25 to repeal Bylaw 1413-22: A bylaw authorizing the lending of money to a Municipal Controlled Non-Profit Organization and to advertise said bylaw in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, in the Redwater Review and on the County's website.

CARRIED**6.8 Donation Smoky Lake Public Library****Resolution No:** 680-25

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County provide a letter to the Smoky Lake Public Library in support of their Community Facility Enhancement Grant application to upgrade the library door with an automatic door opener and to budget a capital contribution of \$7,500 towards this project in 2026.

CARRIED**6.9 FCSS Applications****Resolution No:** 681-25

Moved by: Dominique Céré

That Smoky Lake County approve to allocate funding from the 2025 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant budget in accordance with Policy no 08-17-01: Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) grant as follows: in the amount of \$687 to Warspite Community Hall Association to host a Community Engagement/Volunteer night as it is the remaining funding for the year.

CARRIED**6.10 Smoky Lake Agricultural Society****Resolution No:** 682-25

Moved by Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County write off \$1,421.88 interest on Account SMOK001 Smoky Lake Agricultural Society.

CARRIED

6.11.1 2025 Junior Golf Donation**Resolution No:** 683-25

Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council donate \$1,000 to the Smoky Lake Golf and Country Club for the Junior Golf Program.

CARRIED**6.11.2 Recess for MPC at 1:02 pm****6.11.2.1 Resumed meeting at 1:21 p.m.****6.11.2.2 Municipal Planning Commission Minutes****Resolution No:** 689-25

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council rescind motion to adopt the minutes of the Municipal Planning Commission on August 28th, 2025 as the minutes were adopted in the Municipal Planning Commission meeting with amendments.

CARRIED**6.11.3 Request for Donation to the Pumpkin Fair****Resolution No:** 690-25

Moved by: Dominique Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council donate funds in the amount of \$1,500 at the platinum Sponsor level to the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Growers Association for the 35th annual Smoky Lake Pumpkin Weigh-off and Fair scheduled on October 3-5, 2025.

CARRIED**6.11.4 Donation request to Smoky Lake Crime Watch****Resolution No:** 691-25

Moved by: Dominique Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council donates **\$500.00** for the purchase of hot dogs and hamburgers for the 1st annual Law and Wild Bar BQ event hosted by the Smoky Lake County Rural Crime Watch Association on September 9, 2025 located at the Smoky Lake Curling Rink and requests the Peace Officer to attend the event and share it on social media.

CARRIED**6.12 Appointment of Community Peace Officer****Resolution No:** 692-25

Moved by Linda Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Warren Young as a Community Peace Officer for Smoky Lake County, subject to issuance of a provincial appointment by the Ministry of Justice and Solicitor Generals, Public Security Division under the Peace Officer Act.

CARRIED**6.13 2025 Federation Livestock Deferral Program****Resolution No:** 693-25

Moved by: Dan Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council write a letter requesting for inclusion of Smoky Lake County in the Federal Livestock Tax Deferral Program and attach Smoky Lake County Regions Moisture Situation Maps and send to the Honourable Heath MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food as well MLA Glenn VanDikjen.

CARRIED**7 Request for Information****8 Bylaw/Policy****8.1 Policy Statement No. 08-26-01 Community Capital Grants Program****Resolution No:** 694-25

Moved by Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 08-26-01 Community Capital Grants Program Policy be approved with amendments.

- **Remove 3.2.6 and add a process for application for extensions**

CARRIED**8.2 Bylaw No. 1424-22 & Village of Waskatenau Bylaw No. 697-22****Resolution No:** 695-25

Moved by Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to prepare material for a first reading of Bylaw No.1484-25 for a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED**8.3 Bylaw No. 1486-25: Bylaw to close all those portions of the Government Road Allowance lying west of W ½ 7-61-18-W4M & to consolidate said closed portions with said lands****Resolution No:** 696-25

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1486-25, a Bylaw to close all those portions of the Government Road Allowance lying west of W ½ 7-61-18-W4M & to consolidate said closed portions with said lands, First Reading.

CARRIED**8.3.1 motion 2****Resolution No:** 697-25

Moved by: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council schedule a Public Hearing on said Bylaw No. 1486-25 for Thursday, September 11th, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., and to advertise said Public Hearing in accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act.

CARRIED

8.4 Policy No. 03-16: Road Closure Policy

Resolution No: 698-25

Moved by: Dominique Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council amend Policy No. 03-16: Road Closure Policy with the amendments recommended from Council.

CARRIED

8.5 Bylaw No. 1482-25 Redistrict Pt. NW-22-59-14-W4M (Agriculture District to Highway Commercial District)

Resolution No: 699-25

Moved by Linda Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County Council give First Reading to Bylaw No. 1482-25 and to schedule a Public Hearing on said Bylaw, to be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., and to advertise said Public Hearing in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, in the Redwater Review and on the County's website.

CARRIED

8.6 Bylaw No. 1488-25: Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Rescue Service

Resolution No: 700-25

Moved by: Dominique Céré

That Smoky Lake County gives Bylaw No. 1488-25: Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Rescue Services, for the purpose of establishing an Inter-Municipal Regional Agreement for the provision of a Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Rescue Services be given: First Reading

CARRIED

8.6.1 Second Reading Bylaw No. 1488-25: Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Rescue Service

Resolution No: 701-25

Moved by Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County gives Bylaw No. 1488-25: Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Rescue Services, for the purpose of establishing an Inter-Municipal Regional Agreement for the provision of a Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Rescue Services be given: Second Reading

CARRIED

8.6.2 Permission for Third Reading Bylaw No. 1488-25: Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Rescue Service

Resolution No: 702-25
Moved by Dan Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County gives Bylaw No. 1488-25: Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Rescue Services, for the purpose of establishing an Inter-Municipal Regional Agreement for the provision of a Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Rescue Services be given unanimous consent for **PERMISSION FORTHIRD READING**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6.3 Third and Final Reading Bylaw No. 1488-25: Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Rescue Service

Resolution No: 703-25
Moved by: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County gives Bylaw No. 1488-25: Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Rescue Services, for the purpose of establishing an Inter-Municipal Regional Agreement for the provision of a Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Rescue Services be given **THIRD AND FINAL READING**.

CARRIED

8.6.4 Motion 2

Resolution No: 704-25
Moved by: Dan Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1488-25: Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Rescue Services be in effect January 2026 as collaboration for a regional fire service deliver for Smoky Lake Region in respect to the Budget Schedule “E”

CARRIED

8.6.4.1 Motion 3

Resolution No: 705-25
Moved by Linda Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County appoint Reeve Jered Serben and Deputy Reeve Dominique Céré as the two elected representatives, and Councillor Lorne Halisky as the alternate member, to the Advisory Committee as outlined in Schedule 'B' – Terms of Reference of the Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Rescue Services Bylaw No. 1488-25.

CARRIED

Bylaw 1485-25 Lagoon Use and Fee
Resolution No: 707-25
Moved by Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to research the usage and implement an annual usage fee of \$250.00 with a pin number and a \$50.00 set up fee.

DEFEATED

8.7.1 Bylaw 1485-25 Lagoon Use and Fee**Resolution No:** 708-25

Moved by Dominique Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to bring back more information regarding municipalities in the area and the provinces regarding Lagoon Usage Bylaws to the September 25th regular council meeting

DEFEATED**8.8 Policy 08-25 Financial Reserve Policy****Resolution No:** 709-25

Moved by: Dominique Céré

That Smoky Lake County direct administration to bring back Policy Statement No. 08-25-01 *Financial Reserve Policy* with lagoon reserve information to the September 25th Regular County Council meeting.

CARRIED**8.9 BYLAW NO. 1478-25 Ukrainian Twinning****Resolution No:** 710-25

Moved by Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council defer Bylaw No. 1478-25: Ukrainian Twinning Committee Bylaw, to the next Regular Council Meeting with amendments provided by Councillor Halisky.

CARRIED**9 Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report****9.1 In Camera @ 3:28****Resolution No:** 711-25

Moved by Dominique Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 17: Third Party Personal Privacy in the physical and virtual presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Public Works Manager, Legislative Services, time 3:28 p.m.

CARRIED**9.1.1 Out of Camera****Resolution No:** 712-25

Moved by Dan Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 3:47 p.m.

CARRIED**9.2 CAO Report - June - July 2025****Resolution No:** 713-25

Moved by Dominique Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the Chief Administrators Report dated, June-July 2025, as presented.

CARRIED**9.3 Action Item list July 2025****Resolution No: 714-25**

Moved by Dan Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council accepts the Action Item Report dated July, 2025, as presented and file as information.

CARRIED**10 Council Committee Reports****10.1 Division 1 - Dan Gawalko (Handout)**

Dan Gawalko Division One Councillor report August 2025

- July 10 attended the Vilna Bellis Citizens on Patrol COPs meeting, Sgt. Anita Doktor gave the RCMP report Elzinga is leaving and a new corporal from St. Paul will be joining Smoky Lake but no date right now, they will be working with Rural Crime watch to host a Law & Wild BBQ on September 9 4pm to 7pm @ the smoky Lake curling rink hotdogs hamburger RCMP helicopter pending approval, fish & wildlife toys, the group will be purchasing a bench with a memorial plaque in honour of Delores McCormack a long time member of the COPs, the Alberta COPs annual general meeting will be in Redwater this year at Pembina place September 12-14 several members will be attending, a discussion on the Vilna show & shine with several members volunteering they will also be helping out at the show & shine Oct 4 at Smoky Lake Pumpkin Show, next meeting September 25 @ 7 pm in Bellis
- July 24 special meeting
- July 24 LARA Smoky Lake Field days with councillors Lorne Halisky & Dominique Céré, a bus took us to the research plots in the county looked at the oat trials, lupin & Camelina trials they are coming up with new varieties Keegan Miller from Cover Co. talked about the cover crop trial which looked very good many producers had discussions with him later on, a small trade show, supper then we heard from the producer panel, local producer Charlie Leskiw talked about spreading straw on lighter soil & older pasture or grass then taking soil samples his project was funded by RDAR Charlie was a former LARA director, Present Director Nick Kunec talked about cover crops & rotational grazing he uses electric collars on his cows trying to build a more efficient cow growing better food & healthier soils, the last panelist Brian raises hog & spreads the composted manure on his land ending the use of synthetic fertilizers and cost to his operation went organic raising hogs outside instead of in a barn finished hogs weigh 260 -389 pounds on the rail all marbling in the meat, he breaks even on the pigs the money is in the compost
- July 31 special meeting
- July 31 ice cream with a cop at Vilna pool hall, a very good turnout, 3 members of the smoky Lake detachment attended with members of the pool hall serving up big scoops of ice cream and cooking smores ice cream was donated by Vilna ATB branch.
- August 2,10,16 attended all the local parades in the county.
- August 18 attended the LARA directors meeting, we have a new logo had an update on the capital funding received the tractor & grain analyzer, went over the wellness policy, looked at quotes on a new storage building, Alyssa gave her Executive director report, summer staff are leaving at the end of August great bunch this year, working on a action list for meetings, marketing & administration, Lance in research talked about the drought & wind affecting

the trials starting to help producers with the OFCAF program again and ideas for future trials, Angelica is measuring trials biomass trial with cover crops, pulses were desiccated Aug. 5 will be harvesting lupin & peas the week of Aug 18-20, Momna is working on a copper project & fertilizer management, LFA report the bulls were pulled Aug. 7 3" of rain only in the pasture hieifers will mstayn till mid September, upcoming events Aug 21 virtual fencing, September 10 – 11 Original Grazing School for women & in 2026 it will be the 35th anniversary of LARA, next meeting October 6 in Ashmont.

- August 20 28/63 water commission meeting.
- August 20 COW meeting.
- August 26 Evergreen regional waste management commission meeting, update on the EPR, circular materials & product care, discussion about clean farms taking chemical jugs Nutrien in St. Paul will also take jugs, Ashley gave the finance report, Paul gave the regional site report the old compactor is ready at the county shop, discussed break ins, Bonnyville site had 27 in 9 months, then we had a presentation from Sonnevera International Corp the proposal for regional services delivery-waste management study, a summary of site tours good application of take it or leave it sights opportunity for collaboration & standardization between sites, regional training, review of burning sites & diversion opportunities next steps continued compilation of data, review existing shared waste management services, review of comparative shared services models, identify inefficiencies, interviews with key stakeholders, stakeholder workshop to identify shared waste needs challenges & opportunities for improved serve delivery, next meeting September 29 10:00 am @ Metis Crossing.

10.2 Division 2 - Councillor Linda Fenerty (Handout)

June 27 – August 28, 2025

Councillor Linda Fenerty, Division 2

Community Futures – Regular Board Meeting – CFSPSL Office – July 2, 2025 – 5:30 p.m

- Reviewed minutes of the last meeting. One loan was ratified from the previous meeting. Three new loans were discussed and approved. No financials this month. A short meeting this month.

Ukrainian Twinning Committee – Smoky Lake Region – July 28, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. (Lorne/Linda)

- Delegation: Vitaly Milentyev (President of Alberta Ukraine Chamber of Commerce) The situation is not improving in the Ukraine. Strikes on cities have increased from 120 to over 1,000/day. Many men are working with the Ukrainian army, so Kosiv is feeling the lack of manpower for day-to-day work. Politically not a lot of changes. Support from Vegreville is mostly fire-fighting gear. If possible, Ukraine could use more American made bunker gear. Important initiatives going forward are financial, safety, and humanitarian related. Some new initiatives to look into would be psychological support.
- Delegation: Rachelle (FCSS) overview of FCSS – settlement integration and language program, welcoming committee for new Ukrainians settling in community. They are hosting FlourishFest (iin partnernership with Chamber of Commerce) on August 30, 2025 for cultural awareness. Marianne Prockiw-Zarusky & Mel Morton will attend as Ukrainian Twinning reps. Motion made to donate up to \$250.00 for costs incurred.
- Meeting adjourned: 10:26 a.m.

Other Meetings

- July 24, 2025 – Special Meeting (Ag Disaster) – Council Chambers – 9:00 a.m.
- July 31, 2025 – Special Meeting (Operational) – Council Chambers – 9:00 a.m.
- August 2, 2025 – Town of Smoky Lake Parade

- August 10, 2025 – Village of Waskatenau Parade
- August 16, 2025 – Village of Vilna Parade
- August 27, 2025 – Special Meeting (Operational w/Consultant – Council Chambers – 1:00 p.m.
- August 28, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting – Council Chambers – 9:00 a.m. (via zoom)

10.3 Division 3 - Deputy Reeve, D. Céré (Handout)

Division 3 Councillor Report

June 25, 2025 – August 22, 2025

June 25: Smoky Lake County Regular Council Meeting

July 07: Joint Health and Safety Meeting, Zoom

July 09: Holy Family Catholic School Groundbreaking for new school, Waskatenau

- I attended this at the request of the Reeve as he was unable to attend.

July 22: Physicians & Health Care Professionals Committee, Smoky Lake Town chambers

July 24: Special Council meeting, Smoky Lake County chambers

July 24: Lara Field Day

July 25: Smoky Lake Foundation meeting, Bar V Nook

July 29: Smoky Lake Regional Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC), Smoky Lake County Chambers

- ICC approved and recommended that Smoky Lake County, Villages of Waskatenau and Vilna as well as the Town of Smoky Lake each adopt the Smoky Lake Regional Fire Rescue Services By-Law, and for it to be in effect January, 2026.

July 31: Special Council meeting, Smoky Lake County chambers

August 02: Smoky Lake Town Parade

- All councillors on float.

August 02: attended "Back to Ruthenia School" event put on by the Heritage Board

August 10: Waskatenau Fair Days

- All councillors on float.

August 16: Vilna Boomtown Days

- All councillors on float.

August 20: Committee of the Whole, Smoky Lake County chambers

August 22: Metis Nation of Alberta, 97th Anniversary Celebration, Metis Crossing, Smoky Lake County

Respectfully submitted,

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10.4 Division 4 - Lorne Halisky (Handout)

For June 24 to August 26, 2025

From Councillor Lorne Halisky, Division 4.

July 7, 2025 – Bellis Board of Trade Meeting (in-person)

- Presented the Bellis Business Brochure and will distribute through various Bellis businesses and post on social media.
- Waste Disposal at Bellis Lagoon is closed to outside disposal and work is ongoing with County Administration.
- Bellis Hamlet Domestic Water and Wastewater Study is still in progress and expected to be completed by the end of 2025.
- Heritage Corner Store donated Bellis and Area Heritage Pictures which will be posted at the Bellis Community Hall.
- Continued action on the Highway Sign on the corner of Hwy 28 and RR152 which needs work, so the members are looking into options such as type/size/material etc., receiving quotes from local providers, and funding opportunities.
- Discussed speed through the hamlet with the County looking at the speed limit signage and the CPO to enforce.
- Unsightly premises are continued to be actioned by the County CPO.
- The 70th Bellis Board of Trade Anniversary Community BBQ is scheduled for September 14 @ 12noon and Board Members are taking action to make it happen.
- Bellis Board of Trade Bylaw information was received through the County finding little to no info so further work etc. is taking place.
- Financial report was giving with all in good standing.

July 28, 2025 – Ukrainian Twinning Committee Smoky Lake Region Meeting (Lorne virtually and Linda in-person)

- Delegation Vitaliy Milentyev, President of the Alberta Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce discussed ongoing issues in Ukraine and how to support initiatives such as Fire Fighting & Safety Gear, Humanitarian Support, Psychological Support Centers i.e. PTSD, Educational Projects, and Tourism Attraction (sharing experiences).
- Delegation Rachelle Amyotte, Director of Smoky Lake Family Community and Support Services (FCSS) gave a presentation on the Newcomer Navigation Program discussing opportunities or ideas such as building community capacity, working with local small businesses, partnerships & collaborations, and the Flourish Event on August 30/25 showcasing the regions diversity, cultures etc. downtown/main street within the Town of Smoky Lake.
- A list of Public Organizations/Resources was shared/discussed for Kosiv Region Charitable Donations opportunities.

August 20, 2025 – Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission Regular Meeting (Dan and Lorne in-person)

- Commission Manager discussed ongoing Highway 28/63 infrastructure projects such as Hwy 28 and RR210 realignment so that the water commission infrastructure is not impacted, Whitefish Lake #128 Service Agreement work through legal is ongoing and will be used for all customers/members etc. in the future should be brought to the next board meeting for approval, Water for Life Grant SCADA System work is in progress, Warspite Generator Project work started and presented By-Law/Policy comparison table and will have this work brought to the next board meeting for review etc.
- Operations Manager discussed that a cleaning/inspection of the Whitefish Lake Reservoir is taking place before the contractor warranty expires, Warspite Generator work has started including involvement from the County Gas Department, Abee Communication Tower collapse repair is complete finding that an unstable base area and some missing/elongated bolts were found to be of concern etc., and the SCADA project work continues.
- Financial Reserve Investments through GIC's are being finalized.
- Financial Manager presented the financial report with all in good standing.

- Waiting for a formal letter from the Grant Provider - Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) on the use of grant funds and received approval to use grant funds to cover the costs to achieve final asset transfer of the WFL Project. Also Associated Engineering will be providing information on their involvement on the final asset transfer for the WFL Project and both parties information will hopefully be presented at the next meeting.
- Business Plan will be worked on and is expected to be completed in 2025.

*Please contact myself if you would like to discuss any of these items in further detail.

Thank you,

Lorne

10.5 Division 5 - Reeve , J Serben

June 20th, 2025 – Smoky Lake Foundation Meeting (Jered & Dominique)

- CEO, R. Cormie provided an overview of the Chief Executive Officer's report. Highlights included:
 - Meal Feedback Cards were introduced on June 5, 2025, allowing residents to share meal-related feedback anonymously.
 - Union employee job descriptions have been updated to clarify roles and support recruitment.
 - Save On Mechanical is performing seasonal HVAC maintenance and starting up A/C at BVN.
 - Globaltech is conducting annual life safety inspections at all supportive living and senior apartment sites.
- CEO, R. Cormie reviewed financials for supportive living and housing programs.

June 21st Smoky Lake Indigenous Day Metis Crossing (Jered)

- Attended Metis Crossing's Indigenous Day event and read the following speech:

Good morning, everyone,

As we gather here today to celebrate Indigenous Day, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you. It is an honor to stand before you as the County Reeve representing our residents and Council on this significant occasion.

Today, we come together to recognize and honor the rich cultures. The histories. The contributions of Indigenous peoples in Alberta and across Canada. June 21st is not just a date on the calendar. It is a day of reflection, celebration, and commitment to understanding the diverse Indigenous cultures that have existed on the lands for thousands of years.

As we celebrate, let us also remember the importance of reconciliation. It is our collective responsibility to listen, learn, and engage with Indigenous communities. To honor their voices, and to support their rights and aspirations. Together, we can build a future that respects and uplifts Indigenous cultures and traditions.

Today, I encourage each of you to engage in the stories, art, and teachings that will be shared. Let us celebrate the strength of Indigenous peoples and let us commit to a better understanding and respect in our community.

Thank you for inviting me to be a part of your day and for your commitment to celebrating and supporting Indigenous peoples. Together, let us make this Indigenous Day a meaningful and memorable occasion.

Thank you.

June 23rd, 2025, MCC For Smoky Lake Development Corporation Shareholders (All Council)

- Reviewed the MCC for Smoky Lake Development Corp. Bank Statement for the Period Ended May 31
- The MCC shareholders will repay \$490,000 each to Smoky Lake County and the Town of Smoky Lake, as per their investment bylaws, following the dissolution of Smoky Lake Tourism Company Ltd.

June 25th, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting All Council (Linda Virtual)

- That Smoky Lake County sponsors the Vilna & District Agricultural Society Boomtown Days Fair in the amount of \$1,500 to sponsor a children's activities.
- That Smoky Lake County agrees to add the replacement value of unattached equipment on the fire trucks as a separate item on the Heavy Equipment insurance policy, with a \$5,000 deductible. This change will increase the annual premium by \$1,841.
- That Smoky Lake County amend Policy 01-49-01 Delegations to County Council, to reflect the repeal of Bylaw No. 1303-17 in 2021 and its replacement with Bylaw No. 1400-20.
- That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 62-28-07: Mowing Program, be amended to cease mowing operations November 1st each year, to update the secondary seasonal pass to go to the property line.
- That Smoky Lake County Council amend Policy Statement No. 62-10-10 Agricultural Service Board Business Plan 2025 to include changes made to Policy Statement No. 62-28-07 Mowing Program and 1080 Toxicant recall.
- That Smoky Lake County Council approve the delivery of two loads of three-quarter inch belly dumps to the west side of the Waskatenau Agricultural building and coordinate a delivery date with Dave Harsuala the president of the Waskatenau Agricultural Society.
- That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to prepare parade floats for the following:
 - Smoky Lake Town Stampede
 - Vilna Boomtown Days
 - Waskatenau Fair Days
- Smoky Lake County Council hosted delegations from the following members and engaged in an open discussion regarding but not limited to:

Landon Reppert, Construction Manager, North Central Region, Transportation and
Economic Corridors and Michael Bortos, Regional Director, North Central and Ft.
McMurray Regions at Government of Alberta

- The 2018 corridor study of Highway 28 from Edmonton to Cold Lake Alberta. The study included improvements to increase safety and performance, which included climbing passing lanes, intersection improvement and but not limited to rest areas.
- Current projects including paving work near Waskatenau (curve improvements and intersection improvements)
- Capital maintenance and renewal (bridge construction and highway rehabilitation) projects scheduled over the next 3 years
- Tentative future paving projects (projected for 2027) on highway 28 included a 41-kilometer portion from Warspite to highway 36.

Rural Municipalities of Alberta Members.

Kara Westerlund, President

Kevin Wirsta, Director: District 5

Tasha Blumenthal, Executive Officer of External Relations & Strategy

Duane Gladden, CEO & Executive Director

- **Concern raised about healthcare access:**
There is a significant lack of healthcare professionals (including doctors, specialists, and nurses) in Smoky Lake County, which is making it increasingly difficult to support the county's growing population.
- **Efforts to improve housing access:**
The Smoky Lake Foundation is working to expand access to senior and social housing within the County

- **Firefighter funding challenges:**
The lack of funding for fire apparatuses, training, and volunteers has made it difficult to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters. Additionally, volunteers are often expected to maintain healthcare coverage while working on highways, further complicated by a shortage of ambulances
- **Policing and crime efforts:**
Smoky Lake County continues to work closely with the Smoky Lake RCMP and K Division to reduce the crime rate and strengthen public safety in the region
- **Policing, crime, and justice system concerns:**
Smoky Lake County continues to collaborate with the Smoky Lake RCMP and K Division to address crime and improve public safety. However, it was also noted that effective policing must be supported by improvements within the judicial system, as there are ongoing concerns about the need for a more efficient and supportive legal framework to ensure lasting impacts on crime reduction

Tina Warawa Chief of Staff of MP Shannon Stubbs

- **Request for updates on policing and funding:**
Smoky Lake County would like to get regular updates on crime stats, policing efforts, and where funding is being spent to make sure resources are being used effectively
- **River access updates:**
Smoky Lake County is asking for updates on river access—both for emergency response purposes and for recreational use
- **Ocean and Fisheries Act concerns:**
Smoky Lake County would like updates on the challenges related to the Ocean and Fisheries Act—especially how it affects replacing bridges with culverts. They're looking for ways to make the process more accessible and easier for rural municipalities to navigate and implement.

June 25th, 2025 – Municipal Planning Commission - All Council (Linda Virtual)

- That the Municipal Planning Commission APPROVE Development Permit No. 025-25, located on the lands legally described as PLAN 7821750, BLOCK 1, LOT 7 for the development of a GARDEN SUITE, subject to conditions.

July 9th, 2025 – New Holy Family Catholic School Breaks Ground – Waskatenau (Dominique)

- Board Chair Brockhoff, Bishop Franken, and MLA Glenn van Dijken joined in the ceremony
- This marks an important milestone in the construction of the new Holy Family Catholic School, approved by the provincial government in the 2023–24 budget
- Students will benefit from a full-sized gymnasium, a dedicated music room, and flexible classroom environments tailored to support developmentally responsive, inclusive, and academically enriched programming.
- Prepared the following speech that was presented by Farrah Ollikka, Principal of the Holy Family Catholic School in my absence:

Good morning and to a beautiful day.

Today marks a milestone. The groundbreaking ceremony of a new Catholic school in the heart of Waskatenau. The school will not be just about bricks and mortar. This new school, just as the current school, represents the commitment to education, faith, and the development of our children. The difference is that this will all be done in a leak free and a more comfortable environment and adding a wonderful asset to the Waskatenau community.

This school will be a new place of hope and learning, instilling in our children the values of compassion, respect, and integrity. The new building will create a hub for socializing and celebrating and what it means to be a part of the community.

On behalf of County Council, we are thankful and grateful for the vision of the Waskatenau community, local leaders, and everyone who has worked tirelessly to bring this project to fruition. This new structure will allow teachers to encourage students to thrive, to learn, and continue in their roles of leadership.

What an exciting day this is! This is not a new book rather, a new chapter for the journey ahead.

We wish you the absolute best of luck with the new construction.

Thank you.

Jered Serben,

Smoky Lake County Reeve.

July 21st, 2025 Smoky Lake Agricultural Society Sub Committee Meeting (Jered)

- The Agricultural Society Committee reviewed the bids for the naming rights of the Agricultural Complex and announced that the building naming rights for the Smoky Lake Agricultural Society complex have been awarded to Nutrien Ag Solutions — and the facility will now be known as the Nutrien AG Centre.
- The next Agricultural society meeting will be on August 25, 2025

July 22, 2025 Physicians and Healthcare Professionals Committee (Jered/Dominique)

- Delegation presentation from Dr. Anton Raubenheimer, Chief of Staff, George McDougall - Smoky Lake Healthcare Centre and had the following comments to add:
 - Dr. Anton Raubenheimer thanked the committee for helping recruit Dr. Dr. Adriana Esterhuizen and praised their communication and support.
 - There are four doctors currently working at the Raubenheimer Clinic, and many people travel from different areas to visit the clinic and emergency department.
 - Dr. Anton will be hosting a medical student, with the hope they will stay after four years.
 - Government support for doctors is limited, and the main challenge for clinics is keeping them. Small communities need a strong, five-star strategy to retain physicians
- That Physician and Health Care Professionals Committee will apply for the Rural Health Professional Action Plan Attraction and Retention Grant, in the amount of \$1,000.00, in 2025, with the intention of using the funds to host an appreciation event in the Summer of 2026.
- Gave direction to create an advocacy plan to support doctor recruitment by working with the Raubenheimer Clinic, North Zone Medical Affairs, and Alberta Health Services as well as engagement strategy for primary care enhancements to lobby for at the provincial government level;
- Proposed to set up a Health Student Bursary program for health students who agree to work in Smoky Lake County for one year after graduation, and present a final draft of the program's goals, priorities, and board structure at the next committee meeting for discussion

July 24th, 2025 Special Council Meeting (All Council)

- That Smoky Lake County Council declare a Municipal Agricultural Disaster as of July 24, 2025, due to severe drought, low moisture, and extended heat and wind, which have badly affected soil moisture and all areas of farming in the County.
- That Smoky Lake County prepared a press release declaring a Municipal Agricultural Disaster, effective July 24, 2025, to raise awareness about the severe drought and the challenges local producers are facing now and in the coming months. This release was also forwarded to 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)

July 25th, 2025 Smoky Lake Foundation Meeting (Jered Dominique)

- Received reports for the year-to-date Financial Statements, Capital & Operating budget, and occupancy reports.
- New Protection of Privacy Act – discussion regarding the introduction of the Protection of Privacy Act and repealing FOIP and the need for housing management bodies to have a privacy plan/program in place by June 2026.
- The Board adopted the Smoky Lake Foundation Government of Alberta 2026-2028 Business Plan

- The Board adopted the Smoky Lake Foundation 2025 – 2028 Strategic Plan
- The Government of Alberta will be completing condition assessment reports for Bar-V-Nook Manor, Supportive Living, and Vilna Lodge.
- The Board reviewed and adopted the following Board Governance Policies:
 - 100-015-002 Executive Limitations
 - 100-015-003 Chief Executive Officer Job Description
 - 100-015-004 Chief Executive Officer Evaluation
 - 100-015-005 Chief Executive Officer Expense Reimbursement
- Capital Maintenance and Replacements:
The Board received updated reports on the following Capital Maintenance and Replacement projects:
 - Shingles, Soffit, Fascia, Eavestroughs – Waskatenau Manor
 - Shingles, Soffit, Fascia, Eavestroughs – Golden Valley Villa
 - Emergency/Nurse Call System Replacement at Vilna Lodge
 - Finalization of the Emergency Generator upgrade to Bar-V-Nook Supportive Living by mid September

July 29th, 2025 Smoky Lake Regional ICC Meeting for Regional Fire (Jered/Dominique)

- The Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC) approved the Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Rescue Services Bylaw, and recommended that Smoky Lake County, the Town of Smoky Lake, the Village of Waskatenau, and the Village of Vilna each adopt the bylaw, effective January 2026, to support a joint regional fire rescue service for the Smoky Lake Region.

July 31st, 2025 Special Council Meeting (All Council) (Amended)

- That Smoky Lake County Council approve the engagement of a qualified third-party consultant to conduct a **High Level Phase 1** organizational review to be completed by Sept 5, 2025 and presented at the September 11 Regular Council Meeting, not to exceed \$20,400.00. The purpose of the review will be to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the organization as a whole, with the goal of enhancing the efficiency, effectiveness, and quality of services and programs delivered by the County.
- That Smoky Lake County Council implement a suspension on the hiring and termination of all staff positions, excluding the hiring of those required for critical or emergency operations, until the completion and review of the organizational assessment. Exceptions must be brought forward to Council for approval on a case-by-case basis.

Parade Float (All Council)

- Attended the following community parades:
 - the Smoky Lake Heritage Day Parade on August 2
 - the Waskatenau Fair Days Parade on August 10
 - and the Vilna Boomtown Days Parade on August 16.

This year's theme, "Farmers Appreciation," recognized and celebrated the important contributions of our agricultural community.

August 2nd, 2025 Smoky Lake Heritage Board "Back to Ruthenia School" Event (Jered & Dominique)

- Attended the "Back to Rethenia School" Event and delivered the following Speech:

Hello and Good afternoon,

I'd like to firstly bring greetings on behalf of Smoky Lake County Council and our residents.

Here we stand at the preserved and restored Ruthenia School. A reflection of the development for education in rural Canada and Alberta. This school served as a key educational pillar for the local community, which at the time was primarily settler immigrants who were seeking new opportunities in the region.

The school was named after the Ruthenian people, a group of Eastern European immigrants who settled in the area, particularly from regions of Ukraine and Slovakia. These settlers brought with them their cultural heritage, and this influenced the community's development and the school's environment.

This school not only provided education but also served as a center for community gatherings and cultural events, creating a sense of belonging with the residents.

During the time of rapid growth, Ruthenia School adapted to the changes and educational needs of its students.

The school was well maintained and cared for during its time in service. Over the years, educational standards evolved and the population in the surrounding area continued to increase. One thing remained constant and that was to educate many children who were enrolled in several different grades, all at the same time, with most often, one teacher to do it all.

In the later years, Ruthenia faced challenges such as declining enrollment and changes in educational policies. This led to discussions about consolidation with nearby schools.

The legacy of Ruthenia School remains significant in the Smoky Lake area, because it symbolizes the commitment and importance for education, and this in part, characterized the early settlers efforts.

Today, Ruthenia School is remembered for its educational role in the Smoky Lake County, highlighting the importance of education while creating communities and preserving cultural identity.

Projects to preserve heritage through restoration of early construction and infrastructure is mainly, if not all done by the Smoky Lake Heritage Board and a few enthusiastic members. Smoky Lake County Council felt that a greater financial commitment would be in our best interest for communities as a whole and this is why we increased the Board's budget this year by \$15,000 and for the next 3 consecutive years before another reassessment.

Congratulations to all who have an interest to preserve these structures. They tell a story all on their own. A re creation of history in real time.

Thank you so much for inviting me here today and all the best!

August 20th, 2025 Smoky Lake County Committee of the Whole meeting (All Council)

- That Smoky Lake County Council accepts the request for discussion on Bylaw 1432-23 as information and recommends that further information be brought to the September 25, 2025, Regular County Council meeting.

August 22nd Métis Nation of Alberta 97th anniversary at the Metis Crossing (Jered/Dominique)

- Attended the Metis Celebrations Event and delivered the following Speech:

Good morning and thank you for inviting me to be a part of this celebration.

On behalf of County Council, it is my pleasure to extend heartfelt greetings and thanks for the willingness of working together.

Good and long standing relationships are key to bringing project visions to fruition and we have several examples of this within our County.

Projects like Salay Prazzan that uses solar panels to convert sunlight into electricity and produces more than enough power for every Metis person in Alberta.

Healing Waters. A place of compassion and understanding that will turn desperation into hope. And hope into new life. Another step forward to strengthening humanity and leading by example.

This very place that we are gathered here today. Metis Crossing. This was a field with grass blowing in the wind a very short time ago. Who would have thought by building a cultural center would create such community, peace and serenity? A hotel on the river bank for all who want to stay and learn and experience Metis cultural heritage, celebratory festivals, and milestones.

Throughout the years, our relationship has grown stronger, at times like all relationships, somewhat strained. But with our rooted mutual respect and collaboration for a greater tomorrow we have overcome hurdles and moved mountains.

We encourage partnerships and that the voices of the Métis people are not only heard, but valued.

Let us celebrate with joy and gratitude, recognizing the important role that each of us plays in building harmonious and prosperous communities.

Thank you again for allowing me to be a part of your day and offer my gratitude on behalf of Council on your special anniversary.

Thank you.

10.5.1 motion to accept

Resolution No: 715-25

Moved by: Linda Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the Division 1-5 Councillors Report Dated, June to August 2025 and that the Reeve Report received for the period Juen 19-August 22nd 2025 be posted to the County's website and the Councillors reports on various committees, boards and commissions, be accepted with the following amendments:

- Amend Concillor Céré's report attendance to the July 24th, 2025 Lara Field Day.
- Amend Reeve Serben's attendance to July 31st All council
- Dominique attended the Métis Nation of Alberta 97th anniversary at the Metis Crossing on August 22nd, 2025
- Waskatenau fair days parade was held on August 10th, 2025

CARRIED

11 Correspondence

11.1 Government of Alberta Invitation to Municipal Engagements on Transportation Network Companies Regulation

Resolution No: 716-25

Moved by Dan Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the Government of Alberta invitation to Municipal Engagements on Transportation and file for information

CARRIED

11.2 RMA Contact Newsletter

Resolution No: 717-25

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Contact Newsletter dated June 2025,

CARRIED

11.3 Alberta Municipalities - The Weekly

Resolution No: 718-25

Moved by: Dominique Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the Alberta Municipalities- The Weekly newsletter dated June 25th, 2025 and file for information

CARRIED

11.4 Government of Alberta - Transportation and Economic Corridors

Resolution No: 719-25

Moved by: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledges receipt of the response letter from Mr. Michael Botros, P.Eng., Regional Director, regarding the unsuccessful grant applications submitted under the 2025 intake of the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP), and further directs Administration to forward the correspondence to the Minister, along with an expression of the County's concerns regarding its lack of success in securing funding under the program.

CARRIED

11.5 Lisa McMorrow Schaub Family

Resolution No: 720-25

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledges receipt of the letter received from Lisa McMorrow regarding Bylaw 1432-23.

CARRIED

11.6 Northeast Regional Connector NewsLetter - June 2025

Resolution No: 721-25

Moved by: Dan Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council file the information received from Northeast Regional Connector Newsletter titled "Economic Development Business Resources".

CARRIED

11.7 Conclusion of LICA Municipal Board of Directors Term

Resolution No: 722-25

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council, councillor Halisky put his name forward as per the letter received from Lakeland Industry and Community Association, dated July 31st, 2025 to remain involved in the "off-rotation" period.

CARRIED

11.8 Letter from Honourable RJ Sigurdson Minister, Agriculture and Irrigation, Dated August 13, 2025

Resolution No: 723-25

Moved by: Dan Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the letter received from Honourable RJ Sigurdson Minister, Agriculture and Irrigation and advertise on Smoky Lake County social media.

CARRIED**11.9 Letter from Dan Williams, ECA Minister of Municipal Affairs- Dated August 8th, 2025****Resolution No:** 724-25

Moved by Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the letter received from Dan Williams, ECA Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated August 8th, 2025.

CARRIED**11.10 Letter from Honourable Mike Ellis, Deputy Premier of Alberta, dated August 8th, 2025****Resolution No:** 725-25

Moved by: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council Ecology receipt of the letter received from Honourable Mike Ellis, Deputy Premier of Alberta, dated August 8th, 2025.

CARRIED**11.11 Letter from Orphan Wells Association, Dated July 18, 2025****Resolution No:** 726-25

Moved by: Dan Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council file the information received from Orphan Wells Association, Dated July 18, 2025.

CARRIED**12 Information Release****13 Financial Reports****13.1 Bank Reconciliation****Resolution No:** 727-25

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council adopt the Bank Reconciliation report dated May 2025 as presented.

CARRIED**13.1.1 June 2025 Bank Reconciliation****Resolution No:** 728-25

Moved by: Dan Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council adopt the Bank Reconciliation report dated June 2025 as presented.

CARRIED

13.2 Budget to Actual 2025**Resolution No:** 729-25

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

Smoky Lake County Council accept the Budget to Actual dated August 15th, 2025 as presented.

CARRIED**13.3 2025 Draft Financial Plan****Resolution No:** 730-25

Moved by: Dominique Céré

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the 2025-2030 Five Year Capital Plan.

CARRIED**13.3.1 Grant Funding Research****Resolution No:** 731-25

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge the review of Grants and Funding Programs for 2025 document.

CARRIED**14 Next Meetings****Resolution No:** 732-25

Moved by Dan Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council confirm the future meetings

Next Meetings

- Thursday, September 4, 2025 9:00 a.m. (Budget)
- Thursday, September 11 and 25, 2025. at 9:00 a.m. (Regular)
- Thursday, October 9th and, 2025. at 9:00 a.m. (Regular)
- Thursday, October 23rd (Organizational/Regular)

CARRIED**15 Extension of the Regular Council meeting****Resolution No:** 733-25

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the extension of the Regular Council meeting to exceed past 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED**16 In Camera (Executive Session)****Resolution No:** 734-25

Moved by: Dan Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Section 17: Third Party Personal, in the physical and virtual presence of all Council, Chief Administrative Officer, Finance Manager, Legislative

Services/RS time 4:42 p.m.

CARRIED

17 Out of Camera (Executive Session)

Resolution No: 735-25

Moved by Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 5:10 p.m.

CARRIED

17.1 Agricultural Fieldman Motion

Resolution No: 736-25

Moved by: Dan Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County enter in negotiations for a contracted interim Agricultural Fieldman position and defer items *7.9 Agricultural Fieldman Appointment and 7.10 Weed Inspector Appointment* until the position is filled.

CARRIED

18 Adjournment

Resolution No: 737-25

Moved by: Dominique Céré

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of August 28, 2025, be adjourned, time: 5:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Signatures Upon Request