

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, May 22nd 2025, at 9:00 a.m. held

Virtually https://video.businessconnect.telus.com/join/869218960 (Meeting ID # 869218960) and Physically in Smoky Lake County Council Chambers, 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Adoption of Agenda
- 3. Adoption of Minutes
 - 3.1. Minutes of the Council Budget Meeting, Tuesday, May 08, 2025
- 4. Delegation(s)
 - 4.1 Bruce Morton, Warspite Hotel, Horse Hitch Rail Project 9:30 a.m.
- 5. Public Hearing
 - 5.1. Notice Of Proposed Material Change to Smoky Lake Development Corp
- **6.** Municipal Planning Commission (MPC): NIL

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD - announced between 11:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

- 7. Business Requests for Decisions
 - 7.1. Alberta Emergency Alert Course
 - 7.2. Natural Gas Letter of Support
 - 7.3. Gravel Request Smoky Lake Town and Country Golf Club
 - 7.4. Quiet Nook Request
 - 7.5. County Open House
 - 7.6. County Community Fund
- 8. Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report
 - 8.1. CAO Report May 2025
 - 8.2. Action Item Report
- 9. Council Committee Reports
 - 9.1. Councillor Division One Report (handout)
 - 9.2. Councillor Division Two Report (handout)
 - 9.3. Councillor Division Three & Deputy Reeve Report (handout)
 - 9.4. Councillor Division Four Report (handout)
 - 9.5. Councillor Division Five & Reeve's Report
- 10. Correspondence
 - Alberta Municipal Affairs, RE: Rural Regional Fire Services and Funding needs April 11,
 2025
 - 10.2. RMA's Legislative Update: Week of April 28 May 2, 2025

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- 10.3. RMA Releases Bill 49 Member Resource May 5, 2025
- RMA Releases Member Guide to the AUC's Draft Blackline of Rule 007 Facility Applications May 6, 2025
- 10.5. RMA's Legislative Update_ Week of May 5 9, 2025
- 10.6. Alberta Energy Regulator Water Licensing in OneStop
- 10.7. Alberta Municipal Affairs 2025 Local Government Fiscal Framework Allocations May 12, 2025.

11. Information Release

- 11.1. NAAGO Letters for Review
 - 11.1.1. 2025-05-13 Letter to Minister Dreeshen
 - 11.1.2. 2025-05-13 Letter to National Defense
 - 11.1.3. 2025-05-13 Letter to Oil & Gas Companies
 - 11.1.4. 2025-05-13 Letter to Councils
- 11.2. MNP Your Feedback Needed

12. Financial Reports

- 12.1. 2025 Feb Monthly Council Reconciliation
- 12.2. 2025 March Monthly Council Reconciliation
- 12.3. Budget to Actual 2024 as April 15, 2025

13. Next Meetings

13.1. Reconfirm Smoky Lake County Council's scheduled upcoming Meetings are as follows:

Thursday, June 12 and 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular),

Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular)

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

- 14. In Camera (Executive Session)
- **15.** Adjournment.

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 9:01 A.M. held both virtually online and physically in Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by the Reeve, Jered Serben, in the presence of the following persons:

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Observers in Attendance Upon Call to Order:

Acting Ag	Kierstin Dubitz	Virtually Present
Fieldman		•
P & D Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Virtually Present
Natural Gas	Daniel Moric	Virtually Present
Manager		•
Fire Chief	Scott Franchuk	Absent
C.P.O	Chandler Kerr	Virtually Present
P.W. Manager	Chris Minailo	Virtually Present
Public	16 guests	Virtually Present

2. Agenda:

486-25: Cere

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting Agenda for Thursday, May 8, 2025, be adopted, as amended/presented:

Addition to the Agenda:

- **7.5** Emailed submissions regarding 7.5. Recreational Vehicle Bylaw 1432-23
- 14.1 In Camera (Executive Session) Personnel, in respect the Chief Administrative Officer, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Sections 27: Privileged Information and 17: Third Party Personal Privacy
 - **7.7** Equipment update from Kevin Lucas "Right Sizing Equipment" document

Carried.

3. Minutes:

3.1. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, April 22, 2025

487-25: Halisky

That the minutes of the Smoky Lake County Regular Council Meeting, held on Thursday, April 22, 2025, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

488-25: Fenerty

That the minutes of the Smoky Lake County Regular Council Meeting, held on Thursday, April 24, 2025, be adopted as amended:

- 1. Correspondence 10.1 Gawalko be amended for actions taken
- 2. Taxation year date "2054" edit
- 3. Amend Motion 468-25: Halisky to determine a time for the Public Input Period for the proposed Material change to Smoky Lake Development Corp. on May 22, 2025, Kevin will Consult with the town to discuss a time.

Carried.

7. Business – Requests for Decisions

7.1 Smoky Lake Truck Fill Capital Project - Water Pump

489-25: Serben

That Smoky Lake County allocates a maximum of \$5,700 from the Water Reserve for the Capital Purchase and installation of a 30-gallon water pump for the Smoky Lake Truck Fill.

Carried.

James MacDonald, Executive Director – Northern Lights Library System entered Council Chambers at 9:06 a.m.

7.2 Request to write off property Tax Penalties

490-25- Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council approve to write off tax penalties in the amount of \$48,423.56 on tax roll 14582941 (NE 29-58-14-W4) contingent on the amount of \$32,478.01 is paid by June 16th, 2025.

Carried.

4. **Delegation:**

4.1 James MacDonald, Executive Director – Northern Lights Library System – Year in Review

Present before Council from 9:15 a.m. to 9:28 a.m. was James MacDonald, Executive Director – Northern Lights Library System – Year in Review, for the purpose of discussion of the following but not limited to:





491-25: Fenerty

That Smoky Lake County accepted the presentation of James MacDonald, Executive Director – Northern Lights Library System, as information.

Carried.

7. <u>Business – Requests for Decisions</u>

7.3. Weed Inspector Appointments

492-25: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Jorja Krysik as a Weed and Pest Inspector for Smoky Lake County, effective May 8th, 2025, to termination of employment.

Carried.

7.3. Weed Inspector Appointments

493-25: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Colten Gargus as a Weed and Pest Inspector for Smoky Lake County, effective May 8th, 2025, to termination of employment.

Carried.

494-25: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session in the presence of all Council and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Finance manager, recording Secretary to discuss Personnel Issues: in respect to the draft Organizational Chart from the CAO and also in respect to the CAO, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Sections 27: Privileged Information, and 17: Third Party Personal Privacy, time 9:42 a.m.

495-25- Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 10:02 a.m.

4. <u>Delegation:</u>

4.2. Clayton Didier from The Group / Pine Creek Retreat - Building a Visitor-Based Economy in Smoky Lake County @ 10:00 a.m.

Present before Council from 10:03 a.m. to 10:31 a.m. was Clayton Didier from The Group / Pine Creek Retreat - Building a Visitor-Based Economy in Smoky Lake County, for the purpose of discussion of the following but not limited to:

- 1. Tourism Planning: Aligning with the County's Direction
- 2. Destination Branding and Marketing
- 3. Village of Waskatenau: Trail-Driven Tourism Development
- 4. Smoky Lake as the Gateway to the Lakelands
- 5. Expansion Opportunity: Bellis Beach Area Concept

496-25: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County accepted the presentation of Clayton Didier from The Group / Pine Creek Retreat, as information.

Carried

497-25: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session in the presence of all Council and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Finance manager, recording Secretary to discuss Personnel Issues: in respect to the draft Organizational Chart from the CAO and also in respect to the CAO, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Sections 27: Privileged Information, and 17: Third Party Personal Privacy, time 10:47 a.m.

Carried.

498-25- Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 11:24 a.m.

Carried.

7.4. Organization Chart and Salary Grid

499-25: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council defer the organizational chart and salary range as provided per policy 01-03-28 Organizational Chart to the June 26th 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried.

11: 32 to 11: 38 a.m Public Question and Answer Period:

Hank Holowchuk, a member of the Public, raised concerns about our neighboring County's wildfire events and emergency preparedness in our County and asked if we were properly prepared and steps have we taken?

Jered Serben, Reeve, responded: I Spoke with Thorhild County Reeve Janine Paly and asked if they needed any aid from Smoky Lake County, Jered gave information on the evacuations of Radway Seniors Facility going to Westlock, and farmers discing fields to attempt to create fire guards within their County but did not ask for help at that time.

Jasmine Schaub, Health and Safety Coordinator added that Smoky Lake County recently hosted an Administrators meeting which included all Directors of Emergency Management (DEMS) within our region as well as Ian Fox (Northeast Emergency Management Officer) to review our Emergency Preparedness plan. Jasmine is working with Ian and is waiting to hear back on the areas we can improve.

Kevin Lucas, CAO, also added we currently have equipment (Cat and tanker) with fuel and water ready if an emergency were to occur.

Hank inquired about Smoky Lake County's tandem water tanker and if there were plans to replace the tandem.

Kevin Lucas, CAO, replied letting Hank know his question will be answered later in this meeting referring to the addition to the Agenda 7.7 Equipment update.

7.5. Recreational Vehicle Bylaw – 1432-23

500-25: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to research comparable Bylaws regarding the use of recreational vehicles (Rv's) with framework to Hamlets, Agriculture, Subdivisions, and but not limited to Lake Subdivisions as well as direct Enforcement Services to acquire more information concerning the units effected by this bylaw and bring the information forward to the Regular Council for the May 22^{nd} .

Carried.

Meeting

Meeting recessed for lunch, time 12:08 p.m.

Recessed Meeting

Reconvened

The meeting was reconvened on a call to order by the Reeve at 12:47 p.m.in the physical (or virtual) presence of all Council

Members, Chief Administrative Officer, Executive Services

Clerk, and Public Works Manager.

7.6. Macworx Inc. Loadscanner

501-25: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council defer the purchase of a MACWORX INC Load Scanner in the amount of \$106,419.05 and instruct administration to bring forward Bylaw 1142-06 Aggregate Community Tax for review and research material on drone software and training to bring back to the May 22nd, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried.

7.7. Equipment Update

502-25: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County approve to purchase a dual-purpose dump sander truck to replace the auction snowplows unit in the amount of \$20.000.00 as per handout "right sizing equipment" document.

Carried.

503-25: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County authorize the purchase of Sander/Plow in the amount of \$50.000.00 as per handout "right sizing equipment" document.

Carried.

504-25: Cere

That Smoky Lake County authorize the purchase of the discounted one year- old track hoe and mulching detachment in the amount of \$351, 000.00 as per handout "right sizing equipment".

Carried.

505-25- Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County authorize the purchase of immediate acquisition of the water tanker to support Public Works and Fire Services in the amount of \$ 365, 000.00 as per hand out "Right Sizing Equipment" and explore retrofitting for fire monitoring.

Carried.

8. Chief Administrative Officer's Report:

CAO Report, May 8, 2025 8.1 Action List 506-25: Serben That Sn

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the 2025 Year to date Action List as a living document:

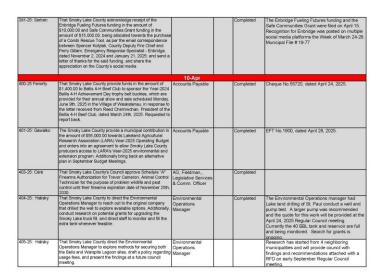
MOTION NO.	RESOLUTION	Assigned to	Due Date	Status	Comments
		09-Jan-25			ė.
234-25. Serben	That Smoky Lies Courty annoverage receipt of the correspondence received from the Executive Assistant of Legislative Services, Between Courty, dated January 2, 2005, January 2, 2005, Meeting, and receipt on the following subjects are on the agencia: the define of oral violutients for community halls, and other tedebolin,	Executive Services Clerk			The Agenda Items were forwarded as requested however, they were not added to the agenda as there is a new format for submitting agenda for the district meetings where an IFSD with recommendations and background information of the commendations and the adjustment of the agendation o
		23-Jan-25			
		09-Feb-25			
327-25: Cêrê	That Smoty Lake County Bylaw No. 1472-25: to Reclishid & Reclassify NE-34-59-13-W4 from Residential to Agricultural, for the purpose of amending the Smoty, Lake County Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14 from Residential Conservation Area to Agriculture Area, be given FIRST READING be given THIRD & FINAL READING, and that the Reeve	Legislative Srv. & Communications			The bylaw was signed and filed in the vault, on
329-25: Halisky	That Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1476-25 Borrowing Bylaw, for the purpose of providing authorization to borrow up to \$5,000,000.00 on the operating line of credit and \$50,000.00 on the Corporate Mastercard Account, be given FIRST READING	Legislative Srv. & Communications			The bylaw was signed and filed in the vault, on
335-25: Gawalko	That Smidy Lake County Council aprove the backstopmy program project daing the lands legally described as NW-12 58-14-W4, as per the application received from Brad Shapka, dated Warch 4, 2025, and subject to the pass of an Shapka, dated Warch 4, 2025, and subject to the pass of an designate, upon completion the County will provide flunding to the applicant in the amount of hist the total cost of the project up to a maximum amount of \$2,500,00, in accordance with County Policy Statement No.03-21-06.	Public Works & Accounts Payable			Inspected and approved on, 2025. Chaque # issued on, 2025.

336-25; Gawalko	That Sineky Like County Council agrove the backstoping program project dump the lands legally described as 60½+16.0-414/4, as per the application received from Brad Vino, dated March 12, 2002, and salighed the passes of an inspection conduction by the Public Works Manager or designatis, upon completion the County will provide funding to the applicate in the amount of half the total cost of the project up to an amaximum amount of \$50,000.00. in accordance with County Policy Statement No 03-21-06.	Public Works & Accounts Payable		Inspected and approved on 2025. Cheque # ssued on 2025.
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364-25; Fenerly	That Smicky Lake Courty Bylav No. 1477-25 to amend Land Use Bylav No. 127-64 to Recitation the lands legally described as NA-27-60-144-Will. from Russil industrial (MZ) Development Flam Hylav No. 1240-15 to Recisasity for brains signify described as NA-27-60-14-WMM from Commercial Area to Applicative Area, begiven FIRST commercial Area to Applicative Area, begiven FIRST commercial Area to Applicative Area, begiven FIRST seek of the Applicative Area (ASC) at 9.15 am. be net don't have display (April A) 2005 at 9.15 am. advertiles and PLOIS leveling in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, in the Redwater Review and on the County's world in the Redwater Review and on the County's world and applications.		Completed	The Planning and Development Manager has placed an avoirement for the Public Hearing in the Redwater Reniew, for the weeks of April 7 and April 14, 2025, and has placed a notice of the Public Hearing on the County's website, beginning April 1, 2022.
365-25: Ceré	That Smoky Lake County accept the Expression of Interest to Purchase in the amount of \$1,000.00 + 0.5.1. (total safe price of \$1,000.00) received from Mr. Bruce Morton. for the purchase of the lunds legally described as Plan 7 10CL, Book 2, Lot 1, and where the Or 2 weeks consocious, in: \$1,000.00 to \$1,000.00	P&D Manager	Completed	The Planning and Development Manager met with Mr. Morton on March 31, 2025, to execute the sale agreement and process the necessary forms to affect the land transfer with the Land Titles office. The transfer forms were sent to the Land Titles office of March 31, 2025.
366-25; Céré	That Smoky Lake County instruct the Public Worse Department to deep a portion (approximately 300 meters in length) of the undeweigned government road allowance bying such of the lends length described as SE-1426-916-Weld, and to constitut at low-grade road on said cleared portions, pursuant to the secope of work provided by the Smoky Lake County Road Foreman, dated March 5, 2025 at no cost to the County, and certain to a Hold Harmiess Agreement with the said lands' owner.	Public Works Manager		

367-25: Halisky	That Smoky Lake Courty 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: Community Group Townof Smoky Lake Library	Accounts Payable	Completed	Cheque # 55743 issued on Aril 24, 2025.
370-25: Serben	That Smoky Lake County approve to provide funding in the amount of \$2,900.00 and a letter of support to the Royal Canadan Legion Smoky Lake Branch #227s in respect to their application to the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) program, to fund their floor replacement project.	Accounts Payable	Completed	Cheque # 55742 issued on April 24, 2025 Letter of Support was emailed to the Vice Present of the Legion on April 2. Municipal File 7-64
371-25: Halisky	That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge the Rural Municipatites of Alberta (RMA) representatives were unable to attend the March 27, 2025 Council Meeting as scheduled, and coordinate their attendance as Delegations to a future meeting to reschedule the RMA's 3-year rotation. Member visit.	Executive Srv.		The RMA Member visit has been rescheduled to 2025.
373-25: Halisky	That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 01-54-01: Signing Authority be adopted as follows:	Legislative Srv. & Communications	Completed	The policy was posted to the website on April 2, 2025.
374-25: Céré	That Smoky Lake County Council approve to provide funds in the amount of \$350.00 to the Smoky Lake Hollubka Dancers, towards their lunch during their participation in the annual highway deanup, scheduled for May 3, 2025.	Accounts Payable	Completed	EFT#1903 issued on April 28, 2025.
375-25: Gawalko	That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 01-01-02: Procedures and Transacting of Organizational Meeting, be resiched as this policy is guidelines are address in other bylaws and policies making it redundant.	Legislative Srv. & Communications	Completed	The policy removed from the website on April 2, 2025.
376-25: Serben	That Smoky Lists County Count approve to provide a County hooding by surfain the meant of \$200.00 to be HA. Kostash student: Fauld Bayramov, in response to their letter requesting apport to effent \$940 Counteds annual Canadian summer enrichment program for high-articlesing high school subscriber in 2025, supert or the said County funds being returned should be said student be upparable to clothin the full required annual to stand and request an update from the said student to be presented at the April 24, 2025. Count meeting.	Accounts Payable	Completed	Cheque # 55719 dated April 24, 2025 was sent along with a letter asking for a future presentation on April 28, 2025.
377-25: Fenerty	That Smoky Lake County Council donate funds in the amount of \$200,00 to Delta Waterfow's Parkfand Printels Chapters Hen House Program, allocated from the Agricultural Services Budget, and also provide County promotional items for the said organization's fundraising dinner, scheduled for April 26, 2025.	Accounts Payable	Completed	Cheque # 55727 issued on April 24, 2025.

378-25; Gawalko	That Smoky Lake County Council approve to host the annual Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation BBQ event on June 13th, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Smoky Lake Agricultural Complex, in the Town of Smoky Lake	Ag Fieldman & Communications	Completed	Smoky Lake County Ag Fieldman will work with Communications to advertise the annual Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation BBQ to county ratepayers using social media.
379-25: Halisky	That Smoky Lake County approve Fireflighter compensation for all volunteer fire fighters to roceive a "Pay as You Go" UFA fuel card for discounted fuel purchases under the Smoky Lake County bulk fuel account with UFA as determined by the station chiefs as per Regional Services awards recognition policy 02-06-03 for all current active members.		Completed	Smoky Lake County Fire Chief will work with the other fire chiefs to create a members list of firefighters to be added to Smoky Lake County UFA bulk fuel account to receive the "Pay as You Go" fuel cards.
380-25: Céré	That Smicky Lake Courty agrove to and the value of the unattached equipment of the apparatuses as a separatus line litem on the Heavy Equipment policy with a \$5,000,000 deductable and Dring Invested a current quote to the next Court of meeting.	Fire Chief	Completed	The fire department inventory list was submitted to RNA insurance on March 27 and 48 the unstatched equipment on the fire apparatuses as esparate line firem on the heavy equipment. Smoly Lake County, Administration met with RNA insurance on April 16 to discuss coverage options and pricing. Smoly, Lake County Administration on Fig. 18 and 19 an
381-25: Serben	That Smoky Lake County bring forward to the next (or tuture) Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC) meeting, a topic for discussion in respect to options for security surveillance of the Smoky Lake Region's firehalls.	Fire Chief	Completed	Smoky Lake County Fire Chief contacted Bonnyille Regional Fire Authority about the security company they are using on April 1. Smoky Lake County Fire Chief contacted the security company for a guide and options for the 3 fire halls on April 8. Quotes and information will be presented at the next ICC meeting.
382-25. Gawalko	That Smoky Lake County Council formatize the position of Legislative Service, as administration is currently undergoing a series of internal restructuring efforts related to staffing positions, whereby the title of "Legislative Service to the Chef Administrative Office" Legislative Service to the Chef Administrative Office" Legislative Service shall be uncluded from within the Camadian Union of Public Employees – Load 4575 Coalective Agreement due to the require involvement with confidential and privileged pinformation.	CAO & Payroll	Completed	A copy of Motion 281-25 was emailed to the Payroll Clink on April 1, 2025.

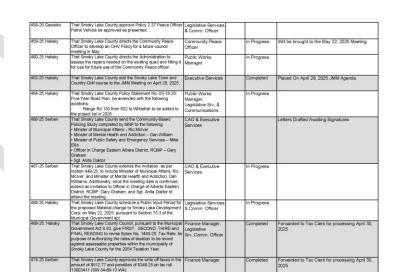
383-25: Céré	That Smoky Lake County Council accept the Chief Administrative Officer's report, dated March 21, 2025, as presented, which included the "Name shall Pit" Contest to name new gravel pit located on the lands legally described as NE16, SE21, SW22-81-15-W44 and N112 68 s 51/2 21- 61-18-W4, and acknowledge the winning name is "Legacy Pit".	Executive Srv.	Completed	New Municipal File Created: 3-90B
384-25: Céré	That Smoky Lake County extend an invitation to MCSNet to be a delegation to an April 2025 Council Meeting to provide an update in respect to their broadband projects, since their last presentation received by Council in April 2024.	Executive Srv.		
386-25: Gawalko	That Smoky Lake County Council who can attend – attend the 1st Annual Explore Two Hills Tourism Conference & Tradeshow Event, scheduled for April 30, 2025, hosted by the Two Hills Economic Development in partnership with Go East of Edmonton.	Council	Completed	Any attendance by Council will be reported on through their Councillor reports at a Council meeting following the event.
387-25: Halisky	That Smoky Lake County Council who can attend – attend the Tourism Development: Info-Sharing for Entrepreneurs & Operations Event, scheduled for April 23, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Méts Crossing Cultural Gathering Centre.	Council	Completed	Any attendance by Council will be reported on through their Councillor reports at a Council meeting following the event.
388-25: Gawalko	That Smoky Liste Courty acronveloge receipt of the letter dated March 10, 2005, amountage Flies North Const. L.U. has been awarded Contract 2023,8997-01 for blogg- File at Journal Court of 2023,8997-01 for Journal Court of 2023,8997-01 for School Court of policy courts of	Executive Srv.		Placed in Municipal File #
389-25; Serben	That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the flyer received for Aspen View Public Schools Career Fair Event, scheduled for April 23, 2025, at the Athabasca Regional Multiplex; and request further information from the organization.	Executive Srv.		
390-25: Serben	That Smoky Lake County approve two Elected Officials to attend the 77th Annual Alberta Fire Chief Association Conference and Trade Show, scheduled for May 26-28, 2025, being held in Caligary.	Fire Chief	Completed	2 councillors and 6 firefighters were registered fi the Alberta Fire Chiefs Conference and Trade Show on April 4, 2025



408-25; Serben	That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 08-18- Council Remuneration & Expenses, be amended:	Legislative Srv. & Communications		
409-25: Halisky	That Smoky Lake County Council approve to write off penalties for roll number 19590340 in the amount of \$1,525.54, subject to the remaining balance in the amount of \$5,932.65 being paid in full by May 9,2025, due to clerical error.	Finance Manager	Completed	2024 property taxes were paid April 29, 2025. Penalties will be written off the week of May 5, 2025
411-25:	Moved by Councillor Hallsky that Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1479-25 Bellis Sewer Tax, being a bylaw to authorize the levying of a special tax on properties in the hamlet of bellis to recover bellis sewer maintenance costs for 2025, be given FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND FINAL, READING.	Legislative Srv. & Communications		
417-25: Céré	That Smoky Lake County approve to allocate funding from the 2025 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Cerant budget in accordance with Policy no 68 1-70-17 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) grant as folions: \$7.000 to Smoky Lake Fire and Rescue summer day camp	Finance Manager	Completed	\$7,000 have been allocated out of the 2025 FCSS grant funds available for projects.
418-25: Halisky	Smoky Lake County Council execute Right of Way lease agreement located on SW-19-60-16-W4 with Marty Ketsa (landowner) for a term of 5 years (2025-2029) at \$1000.00 per year and an additional 5 years (2030-2034) at \$1250.00 per year.	Natural Gas Manager	Completed	Completed April 10

419-25: Helisky	That the Smoky Lake County will sell its supplus equipment frough structured autoch nouses, with heavy-duty vertical structured autoch nouses, with heavy-duty vertical structured autoch nouses, with heavy-duty structs and supplused the heavy-duty-duty-duty-duty-duty-duty-duty-dut		Completed	Everything was taken to Auction, numbers will be submitted to Council at the May 8, 2025 Meeting.
421-25: Halisky	That Smoky Lake County Council approve to honor an extension of the Memorandau of Inderstanding (MOU) between: the Kosiv District, Ivano-Frankivska Obiast, Ukraine, and the "Smoky Lake Region" with the Town of Smoky Lake, for an additional three (5) years, to continue the work of the Ukrainian Twinning Committee to show support for our Ukrainian counterparts.	Legislative Services & Executive Services		
	ANDROSE PROGRAMON CONTRACTOR AND CON	22-Apr-25		-0
437-25: Serben	That the Smoky Lake County amend the mowing program to include mowing to the fence-line for the 2025 year.			This will be brought to the June ASB meeting, and be presented at the next Council Meeting that Follows.
438-25 Halisky	That the Smoky Lake County approve the amended 2025 Capital Budget with expenditures of \$10,936,521.00.	Finance Manager	Completed	The Capital budget was forwarded to Communications to be posted on Smoky Lake County webpage April 30, 2025
439-25 Serben	That the Smoky Lake County increase funding of \$6,000 to Vilna Agricultural Society, \$6,000.00 to Waskatenau Agricultural Society and \$12,000.00 to Smoky Lake Agricultural Society.	Finance Manager	Completed	The final budget was adjusted to increase Parks and Recreation grants to local boards and organizations by \$24,000.

440-25 Gawalko	That Smoky Lake County Council approve the balanced Year-2025 Municipal Total Function Budget, with a total Revenue in the amount of \$25.547,639 and total expenditures in the amount of \$25.947,939, not including amortization in the amount of \$2.044,309.	Finance Manager	Completed	The total budget was forwarded to Communications to be posted on Smoky Lake County webpage April 30, 2025
		24-Apr-25		
445-25:Gawalko	That Smory Lake County Bylaw No. 1477-25; to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14 to Resident the lendads legally described as NW-27-60-14-W4M, from Rural Industrial (M2) to Agriculture (AG District), and to amend Murricipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 1249-12 to Recitastify the lands legally described as NW-27-60-14-W4M from Commercial Area to Agriculture Area, be given SECOND READING and THIPS and FIRML READING	Planning & Dev Manager Comm. Officer		
448-25 Céré	That Smoky Lake County approve Policy 02:11 Peace Officer Annual Reporting be amended as presented.	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer		
449-25: Serben	That Smoky Lake County Direct Administration to set up a meeting with Minster Mike Ellis as well as a meeting with the East Division RCMP and present the study and request enhanced support.	CAO & Executive Srv.	In Progress	Letters Drafted Awaiting Signatures
451-25 Céré	That Smoky Lake County approve Policy 02:32 Peace Officer Video Recording System be amended as presented.	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer		
452-25 Halisky	That Smoky Lake County approve Policy 2:10 Peace Officer Operational Records be amended with the following additions: 1.1 add "Locked Cabinst" 3.3 add "Notebooks"	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer		
453-25 Céré	That Smoky Lake County approve Policy 2-18. Peace Officer Use of Force Policy be amended as presented.	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer		
454-25 Gawalko	That Smoky Lake County Policy 2-17. Peace Officer Use of Baton be rescinded.	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer		
455-25 Fenerty	That Smoky Lake County approve Policy 2-26 Peace Officer Communications Systems be amended as presented.	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer		
456-25 Céré	That Smoky Lake County approve Policy 2:29 Peace Officer Exhibit be amended as presented.	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer		
457-25 Halisky	That Smoky Lake County approve Policy 2:36 Peace Officer Uniform and Equipment be amended with the following additions: 4.7 Jewelry must be worn under the uniform and not	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer		



475-25 Gawalko	That Smoky Lake County approves the write off taxes in the amount of \$559.70 and penalties of \$385.26 on tax roll 13603422 (SE 34-60-13 W4).	Finance Manager	Completed	Forwarded to Tax Clerk for processing April 30, 2025
476-25 Fenerty	That Smoky Lake County approves the write off taxes in the amount of \$512.77 and penalties of \$349.28 on tax roll 13603431 (NW 34-60-13 W4).	Finance Manager	Completed	Forwarded to Tax Clerk for processing April 30, 2025
477-25 Halisky	That Smoky Lake County approves the write off taxes in the amount of \$652.18 and penalties of \$67.08 on tax roll 16610620 (SW 6-61-16 W4).	Finance Manager	Completed	Forwarded to Tax Clerk for processing April 30, 2025

Carried.

9. Council Committee Reports:

NIL

10. <u>Correspondence:</u>

10.1 Alberta Government – Certificate Of Recognition

507-25: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the COR Certificate as information and instruct administration to display certification in common areas and website.

Carried.

10.2 Alberta Environment and Protected Areas - Water Availability Second Phase of Engagement

508-25: Gawalko

That Smoky Lake County Council Acknowledge receipt of the Alberta Environment and Protected Areas - Water Availability Second Phase of Engagement, as information.

Carried.

10.3 Municipal Assessment & Grants Division Assessment Services Branch - 2025 Well Drilling Activity Reports – Q1 January-March

509-25: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the Municipal Assessment & Grants Division Assessment Services Branch - 2025 Well Drilling Activity Reports – Q1 January-March, as information and follow up and bring it back to the next meeting.

Carried.

10.3 Alberta Municipal Affairs, Minster Ric McIver – RMA Meeting Followup.

510-25: Cere

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the Alberta Municipal Affairs, Minster Ric McIver – RMA Meeting Follow-up, as information.

Carried.

11. <u>Information Releases:</u>

11.1 Information Release to Council

511-25: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council defer information release to Council to the next Regular Council Meeting, May 22nd, 2025, due to no information provided.

Carried.

12. Financial Reports:

NIL

13. <u>Next Meeting(s):</u>

13.1. Reconfirm the Scheduled County Council Meeting Dates

512-25: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council Rescind Motion 482-25 Gawalko, removing Thursday August 21st, 2025, from the previous confirmed meeting dates.

Carried.

513-25: Gawalko That the next Smoky Lake County Council Meetings be reconfirmed as follows:

Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular and CAO Evaluation meeting),

Thursday June 12 and 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular), Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (Regular),

to be held physically and/or virtually in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

14. Executive Session, including the Addition to the Agenda:

14.1. In Camera (Executive Session) Personnel, in respect the Chief Administrative Officer, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Sections 27: Privileged Information and 17: Third Party Personal Privacy

514-25: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council go into Executive Session in the presence of all Council and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to discuss Personnel Issues and Land: in respect to staff from the CAO and also in respect to Land, under the authority of the FOIP Act, Sections 27: Privileged Information, and 17: Third Party Personal Privacy, time 1:57 p.m.

Carried.

515-25: Halisky That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session, time 2:25p.m.

Carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

516-25: Gawalko That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of May 8, 2025, be adjourned, 2:26 p.m.

Carried.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



Delegation Request Form

Thank-you for your interest in becoming a Delegation before County Council.

complete this application form. Please refer to Policy Statement No: 01-49 for Delegation Protocol and Procedures.

NOTE: By filling out this application form, you are consenting to disclosure of any personal information made evident though your speech or presentation materials and grant permission to the County to publish these materials and agrees to abide by the terms of this Policy.

Personal information on this Application is being collected under the authority of the Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

Smoky Lake County considers the author's address relevant to Council's consideration of this matter and will disclose this personal information if it is provided to us. However, the author's phone number and email address are not required and should be omitted if the author does not wish this personal information disclosed.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED MATERIAL CHANGE TO SMOKY LAKE DEVELOPMENT CORP.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD AND MEETING DATE

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY ("Smoky Lake")

In the matter of the proposed material change to the Smoky Lake Development Corporation.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Section 75.3 of the *Municipal Government Act* and Section 7 of the *Municipally Controlled Corporations Regulation* that:

On *May* 22, 2025, the Smoky Lake Council will meet to discuss their desire to make a material change to the Smoky Lake Development Corp.'s operations that will suspend the current service of tourism development within the municipal boundaries until viable future economic opportunities can be determined.

TAKE NOTICE that a Council meeting will be held on *May 22, 2025* at *Smoky Lake County Council Chambers*. This will be an opportunity for residents of the municipality to make representations to Smoky Lake County in an effort to determine if the proposed change is in the best interests of the municipality and its residents.

AND FURTHER NOTICE THAT any written submissions must be emailed to cao@smokylakecounty.ab.ca no later than **4:00 p.m.** (MST) on $May~20^{th}$, 2025. Anyone wishing to make a representation at the Council meeting must provide written notice to the Chief Administrative Officer at cao@smokylakecounty.ab.ca prior to **4:00 p.m.** (MST) May~20, 2025. Anyone who fails to register within the designated time frame will not be permitted to speak.

DATED at Smoky Lake County, Alberta on April 24th, 2025.

1414-8378-4470, v. 1

Via e-mail: au.minister@gov.ab.ca

Hon. Nathan Neudorf Minister of Affordability and Utilities 319 Legislature Building 10800 – 97 Avenue NW Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Neudorf,

RE: Concerns with Direct Sale of Natural Gas and Unauthorized Construction.

As the POSITION of UTILITY NAME, I am writing to voice my concern with on-going compliance issues that have been occurring in central Alberta. Specifically, these concerns surround the direct sale of natural gas by a local large gas producer to several high-volume consumers without having received any of the approvals necessary by the Chief Officer under Alberta's Gas Distribution Act.

As one of over 82 gas distributors operating in rural Alberta, my utility has become aware that Ember Resources, self-proclaimed to be one of Canada's largest producers of shallow natural gas, has been direct selling natural gas to a growing number of Hutterite Colonies located across central Alberta. As colonies are often large-volume consumers given their community structure and their various farm and non-farm business ventures, they are an attractive customer for profit-minded companies, such as Ember Resources, who may be looking to diversify their income statement.

Natural gas distribution is, however, legislatively restricted under the *Gas Distribution Act* to utilities holding government-approved franchise areas. These franchise areas provide for the exclusive rights and duty of the distributor, including rural gas co-ops, municipal utilities, and the investor-owned utilities, to offer and provide gas services to all potential consumers within their dedicated franchise. Ember Resources does not hold a franchise area nor is it regulated by the *Gas Distribution Act* that sets and enforces all design, construction, operation, and maintenance standards for gas distribution utilities. As such, Ember appears to be in violation of the legislation and should not be allowed to continue to offer natural gas to these consumers.

Despite the approval of these dedicated franchise areas, the *Gas Distribution Act* does contemplate certain exemptions to those franchise areas based on very special circumstances, such as the use of a specific volume of gas for non-farming purposes or the ownership right to wells producing natural gas. Regardless of the possible reason for the exemption, the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the exempted system remains under the authority of the Chief Officer, who must approve and then regulate the on-going operation and maintenance of the exempted system. In the situation involving

Ember Resources and central Alberta's Hutterite Colonies, I am unaware of any such approval having been granted by the Chief Officer.

Further to the potential safety concerns of operating an unregulated and unapproved distribution system and what I believe to be infringements to the distributors dedicated franchise area by Ember Resources, allowing them or other similarly minded companies to continue unchecked has and will continue to have a financial impact on all the not-for-profit rural gas co-ops. The success of the rural gas co-ops, and in fact of all rural gas distributors, plays an important role in both rural economic development and rural communities throughout all of Alberta. Estimates of financial loss resulting from Ember Resources supplying gas to only one colony within the distributor's franchise approached \$100,000 for a 9-month period between March and December of 2024. Multiply this by the number of Hutterite Colonies across all rural gas distributors will result in a significant financial impact to the continued viability of rural gas distribution in Alberta.

In closing, I ask that as the Minister responsible for Affordability and Utilities and the *Gas Distribution Act*, that you review the current situation and act quickly to ensure compliance with the legislation that has worked exceedingly well for many decades. Upholding this system is paramount to the continued success and further development of rural Alberta, and as <POSITION> of my member-owned and operated utility, I look forward to seeing the Government of Alberta act swiftly on this request to provide clarity as to rights of service in the natural gas distribution sector.

Respectfully,

<NAME> <POSITION>, <UTILITY NAME>.

CC:

Tom Kee, Executive Director, FedGas (tkee@fedgas.com)



Meeting Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 Agenda Item: #

Topic: FedGas Letter of Support for Gas Distribution Act Enforcement

Presented By: Natural Gas Manager

Recommendation:

That Smoky Lake County Council execute the letter of support in regards to enforcement of the Gas Distribution Act and ongoing compliance concerns letter template, and submit the letter to the Honourable Nathan Neudorf, Minister of Affordability and Utilities, as provided by email from Tom Kee, Executive Director, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-op's Ltd.

Background: The Federation of Alberta Gas Co-op's Ltd has brought forth a template of a letter of support regarding major natural gas producers selling natural gas directly to high volume users without receiving necessary approvals from the Chief Officer under Alberta's Gas Distribution Act. This practice infringes on all Co-op's and Utilities franchise agreements with the Government of Alberta.

Benefits: Supports Federation of Alberta Gas Co-op's Ltd lobbying efforts with the Government of Alberta.

Disadvantages: N/A **Alternatives:** N/A

Financial Implications: N/A

Legislation: N/A

Intergovernmental: N/A Strategic Alignment: N/A

Enclosure(s):

- 1. Email from Tom Kee, Executive Director, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-op's Ltd, dated May 14, 2025.
- 2. Request Letter of Support template for Alberta's Gas Distribution Act Compliance Concerns.





Meeting Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 Agenda Item: #

Topic: Request for Gravel to Golf Course

Presented By: Public Works Road Foreman

Recommendation(s):

Decision from Council with regards to the attached request from the Smoky Lake Town and Country Golf Club for three to four tandem loads of ¾" road crush to be donated and delivered to the golf course for the RV parking and Cart Shack storage area.

Background:

Historically, the Smoky Lake County has supported the Smoky Lake Town and Country Golf Club through donation of equipment and materials as well as organized golf tournaments and dinners for County staff members. It is important to the club to uphold a certain level of aesthetics and maintenance to the grounds and facilities and the Smoky Lake County has been a part of this continuous process.

Benefits: Continued recognition of the County's ongoing support to a successful local recreational facility.

Disadvantages: None.

Alternatives: The administration for the golf course could request a donation from another

aggregate company

Financial Implications: providing gravel at a lost cost of \$1428.00

Legislation: NIL

Strategic Alignment: NIL

Enclosure(s):

1. Letter dated May 14, 2025 from the Secretary of the Smoky Lake Town and Country Golf Club

Signature of the CAO: ____

May 14, 2025 Smoky Lake Town and Country Golf Club Box 89 Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0

Regarding: 3/4 inch Gravel Request

Smoky Lake County Council,

On behalf of the Smoky Lake Town and Country Club, I am writing to request four loads of three quarter inch gravel, or however much council sees fit, be delivered to the Golf Club. The gravel will be used in our very busy RV Park and in front of the Cart Shacks. The Board of Directors would like to thank the Council for their continued support over the years, your donations and contributions have not gone unnoticed. We would be very grateful for any contributions you see fit.

Thank you,

Erin Chern

Secretary

Smoky Lake Town and Country Golf Club

Brenda Adamson, CLGM, CAMP

Finance Manager p:780-656-3730 or toll free 1-888-656-3730 4612 - McDougall Drive, PO Box 310 Smoky Lake, Alberta, T0A 3C0

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From: Linda Fenerty < lfenerty@smokylakecounty.ab.ca>

Sent: May 13, 2025 10:19 AM

To: Kevin Lucas <klucas@smokylakecounty.ab.ca>; Brenda Adamson

<badamson@smokylakecounty.ab.ca>

Cc: Charlene Lohstraeter < jclohstraeter@gmail.com>

Subject: FW: Quiet Nook

Good morning, Kevin and Brenda – I received a request from Charlene Lohstraeter, Quiet Nook Community (Hamlin). They are looking for some assistance for their upcoming Farmer's Day event on June 14 as follows:

- 1. Grass cutting Can the Parks & Rec people do the grass mowing for this event? Quiet Nook is a small organization struggling to stay alive and this will show appreciation for the farmers on the east end of the County. They requested assistance from Council last year and were refused.
- 2. Promotional items Can Meaghan put together a package for their silent auction please?

 They are having a community garage sale this Thursday, and I can deliver the merchandise

at that time.

3. With regard to a donation, could this come from Ag Dept? The east end of the County has not had the Farmer's Day BQ for a number of years, with everything behind held in Smoky Lake. If they are hosting an event, we should assist them financially. I would suggest \$500.00, but please include this in the next Council meeting package for consideration. If you require further information from Ms. Lohstraeter, please advise.

Thank you. Linda Fenerty

From: Charlene Lohstraeter < <u>iclohstraeter@gmail.com</u>>

Sent: May 8, 2025 4:38 PM

To: Linda Fenerty < lfenerty@smokylakecounty.ab.ca>

Subject: Quiet Nook

You don't often get email from iclohstraeter@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Hoping you can assist me in the following:

Grass cutting for our Farmers Day Event June 14th.

Donations from the County!! Keeping in mind we did not get funding like everyone else!!! Chris Hominiuk can pick up, or, you can deliver to my place and see how bad our RR 141 is. Absolutely atrocious, and it's a BUS ROUTE. both the bus and I go into the ditch in front of Eldon's bale yard!!!

Let me know...if not I will reach out to someone else

Thanks,
Charlene Lohstraeter, President
Quiet Nook Community

Meeting Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 Agenda Item: #

Topic: May Requests for Donations/Sponsorships

Presented By: Brenda Adamson, Finance

Recommendation:

Council Discretion

Background:

Attached is an email chain from a Council member recommending that we bring a request for a donation of \$500 to Quiet Nook Community Center to the next meeting. Due to the timelines, administration was not available to conduct any further research regarding the request from Quiet Nook.

Quiet Nook requested a donation in 2024, however it was not approved.

Benefits:

n/a

Disadvantages:

n/a

Alternatives:

Approve the request
Deny the request
Defer for further details

Financial Implications:

The individual departments do not budget to provide donations to organizations or individuals, therefore any possible contribution would need to come from Grants to Organizations. The remaining budget for grants and organizations unspent is \$7,300.

The following funds have been provided thus far:

- √ \$500 Vilna Curling Club Memorial Bonspiel
- √ \$500 Spedden Fish & Game Family Fishing Event
- ✓ \$1,500 Anne Chorney Public Library
- ✓ \$1,500 Smoky Lake Public Library
- ✓ \$1,500 Vilna & District Municipal Library
- ✓ \$1,000 Kalyna Country Performing Arts
- ✓ \$1,500 Smoky Lake & District Cultural Heritage Threshing Bee
- ✓ \$6,000 Stars Foundation
- ✓ \$3,000 Vilna & District Citizens on Patrol
- √ \$500 Smoky Lake Riding Club Rodeo
- √ \$1,000 Victora Trail Ag Society Fair Days
- √ \$400 The Endurance Riders of Alberta
- √ \$350 Smoky Lake Holubka Dancers lunch



Request for Decision (RFD)

- \$250 Faud Bayramov
- \$2,500 Royal Canadian Legion
- \$200 Delta Waterfowl
- \$500 Smoky Lake Archery (per policy)

Legislation:

na

Intergovernmental:

Strategic Alignment:

Enclosure(s):

1. Email

Signature of the CAO: ____



Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 Agenda Item: #

Topic: Alberta Emergency Alert Course Approval

Presented By: Evonne Zukiwski, Communications Officer

Recommendation(s):

That Smoky Lake County approve the Communications Officer to take the Alberta Emergency Alert (AEA) Course with the Government of Alberta to become authorized to issue emergency alerts as the Communications Officer for the County and authorize two senior officials to sign off on the required form for course enrollment.

Background:

The Alberta Emergency Alert system is a critical tool for notifying residents of emergencies such as natural disasters, severe weather, and other public safety threats. To issue alerts, an individual must complete the Government of Alberta's Emergency Alert Course and receive authorization. Enrollment in the course requires the approval and signatures of two senior officials. As the Communications Officer for Smoky Lake County, obtaining this certification will enable direct and timely communication with the public during emergencies, thereby enhancing the County's overall preparedness and response efforts. In addition to this, the Communications Officer is currently pursuing Incident Command System (ICS) Information Officer training, which is expected to be completed in the fall of 2025. Both certifications are essential for ensuring the delivery of accurate and effective crisis communications.

Benefits: Approval of this training will enhance the County's ability to provide timely and accurate emergency alerts, improving public safety and emergency response efficiency. Having an in-house authorized alert issuer reduces reliance on external agencies and ensures quicker dissemination of critical information. This aligns with best practices for emergency management and strengthens the County's ability to respond effectively to crisis situations. Having additional resources trained within the County allows for better coverage and cross training.

Disadvantages: The only disadvantage is the time required to complete the training (one full day, virtually). However, this is minimal compared to the benefits of having a trained emergency alert issuer within the County.

Alternatives: The County could continue to only have one staff trained or rely on external agencies for issuing emergency alerts, which may result in delays and less direct control over local emergency communications.

Financial Implications: The course is offered by the Government of Alberta at no cost, making the financial impact negligible, other than paid regular wages of one day for course completion.

Legislation: Participation aligns with provincial emergency management regulations and best practices outlined by the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA).

Intergovernmental: This will strengthen coordination with the Alberta Emergency Management Agency and other regional emergency response partners.

Strategic Alignment: Emergency Services
Enclosure(s):
1. N/A
Signature of the CAO:



Meetings Attended:

- HWY 28/63 SCADA progress meeting (virtual)
- Smoky Lake County Administration meetings:
 - Budget Meeting April 22
 - Regular Council Meetings April 24 and May 8, 2025
 - Joint Municipalities Meeting April 28, 2025
- · AB Muni Benefit meeting
- Council meeting
- Titan Service/Maintenance meeting
- Union Meeting for Dispute

Training:

Attending SLGM Conference (May 13–16)

Projects Working On:

- Coordination of summer staff safety needs
- Participation in regional and technical meetings

Upcoming Items:

Follow-up on service/maintenance platform implementation

Staffing Update:

 Summer Student started May 5, 2025; assisting various departments with administrative duties

CORPORATE SERVICES

Finance:

- Regular monthly tasks (payroll, A/P, A/R, utilities)
- Completed 2025 grant project profiles
- Prepared May 22 Council reports
- Finalized 2022 grant reports and SOFE
- Participated in meetings with RMA and fire department re: insurance for mobile equipment
- Tax levy set April 24, preparing over 6,700 tax notices

IT:

Server and Diamond software updates



May 2025

- Addressed reporting link issue with Diamond
- Exploring future finance program options

Communications:

- Posted proclamations and RFPs
- Council highlights and "Did You Know" posts
- Seasonal gas position and policy advertising
- · Continued mass notifications training

GIS:

- Ongoing training on request management platform
- Route and request coordination with departments
- Reviewed GPS alerts and fleet maintenance data
- Assisted with Titan platform meetings and data management

COUNTY SERVICES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Development:

- 20 development permits issued in 2025, 1 under review
- 5 subdivision files completed: 10 conditionally approved and open
- 16 business licenses issued
- 43 safety code permits issued year-to-date

Bylaws:

 Bylaw 1477-25 passed on April 24, 2025: Redistricting NW-27-60-14-W4M from M2 to AG

Projects:

- Continued approvals for Water Act/Public Lands Act projects (e.g., Mons Lake, NSR)
- Collaboration with O2 Planning & Design on Municipal Land Use Suitability Tool

Heritage:

- Regional Heritage Board met May 14
- Historic plaques picked up by Public Works; installation pending

ISDAB/Training:

No board meetings or training during the period





FIRE DEPARTMENT

Training:

- 1001 class: forcible entry and written exams
- Planning Junior Firefighter Summer Camp
- Fire drills at Main Office and Public Works completed

Stats - May 2025 (to date):

Incident Type	SL	V	W
Fires	14	10	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA)	5	10	3
Medical Assists (Service Calls)	10	5	3
Alarms	16	8	3
Public Hazard-Other	2	2	1
TOTAL	47	35	15

Fire Permits Issued: No permits have been issued since Fire Restriction/Ban has been issued.



ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Bylaw Enforcement (April 1-30, 2025):

Total	14	5	11
Nuisance & Unsightly Premises Bylaw #1169-08	3	1	2
Dog Control Bylaw #1344-19	3	3	0
RV Bylaw #1432-23	8	1	7
Bylaw	Created	Closed	Ongoing

Provincial Act Investigations:

Total	3	3	0
Animal Protection Act	1	1	0
Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act	2	2	0
Act	Created	Closed	Ongoing

Traffic Safety Act – Speed Enforcement:

Speed Over Limit	Warnings	Offence Notices	Summons	Towed
15–24 km/hr	10	2	0	0
25–34 km/hr	1	20	0	0
35–44 km/hr	1	4	0	0
45–50 km/hr	0	2	0	0
51+ km/hr	0	0	1	0



Additional TSA Violations:

Offence	Warnings	Notices
Expired/No Registration	1	1
Expired/No Insurance	1	0
Fail to Produce Registration/Insurance	1	1
Improper Passing/Unsafe Operation	1	2
Drive when view obscured	0	1

Joint Force Operations:

- 1 JFO with Redwater RCMP
- 10 vehicles stopped for 23–39 km/hr over limit

Community Engagement:

- Attended Smoky Lake Rural Crime Watch AGM
- Volunteer Appreciation BBQ with Town and FCSS

Support to Fire Services:

• 1 MVC call and 2 wildfire calls

Patrol Activity:

• 19 patrols totaling 8.53 hours (Div 1: 9, Div 3: 3, Div 4: 7)

Fire Ban & OHV Restrictions:

• Effective April 28, 2025: No outdoor fires or OHV use

PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS, ROADS & BRIDGES

Administrative & Training:

Equipment procurement ongoing



Safety training courses completed

Work Undertaken:

- Gravel hauling to TWP 620
- · Patching, tree clearing, and maintenance
- Gladdens pit reclamation began
- Cold mix production completed May 10

Roads & Maintenance:

- Gravel delivered to MG2511 and MG2515
- Regular grading, patching (especially near lakes), and tree clearing
- Cold mix (1,700 tonnes) prepared at Sowka Lake Pit
- Sweeping completed east of Smoky Lake, in progress in town

ENVIRONMENTAL, PARKS AND RECREATION:

- Repairs and inspections to water/sewer systems
- Ongoing water checks and fire hydrant preparation
- Parks & rec projects: picnic tables, stairways, outhouses
- Bellis Beach clean-up and signage installations

NATURAL GAS:

- · Leak repairs, line locates, and odorant sampling
- Billing, invoicing, and meter replacement
- Planning gas line construction and responding to CO/fire calls

HEALTH & SAFETY COORDINATOR

Projects Completed:

- Orientations and hazard assessments
- Monthly inspections (fire extinguishers, first aid kits)
- Fire drills at both county buildings
- Confined space training assigned to 16 employees
- Submitted theft insurance claims

Training:

OHS Code Overview, Ground Disturbance 201



May 2025

ICS 300 in progress

Disaster Services:

- Emergency Plan review with AEMA
- · Alberta Emergency Alert practice alerts ongoing

Public Works Safety:

- Fire drill coordination
- Radio installation planning and training support
- Equipment safety signage updates

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

Administration:

- Monthly reporting, council prep, file management, and new ASB program research.
- Coordination with Alberta AGI and Realtor for signage and survey info.
- Budget and Council meetings attended (April 22 & 24).
- Staff training and orientation for seasonal employees underway.
- ASB grant report for 2024 submitted.
- Community engagement including Farmer's BBQ planning and poster contest pickup.

Next Month's Objectives:

- AAAF Training (Weed Inspector and Chemical Stewardship)
- Pesticide Assistant Training
- Continued JH&S and council engagement

Beavers:

- Active trapping continues in multiple locations (e.g., 600 W 125, 174 604).
- DFO emergency application filed.
- Pond leveler maintenance and dam removals ongoing.

Weed Control & Spraying:

- Herbicide calibration on mowers complete (May 13)
- Spray plans for MG dust control upcoming

Pest Control:

Wild boar surveillance initiated with monitoring equipment in place

Dogs:

1 dog-related call during the reporting period; no dogs caught

Training:

• Cybersecurity refresher completed



Mower/Weed Inspector orientations completed

Kevin Lucas
Chief Administrative Officer

MOTION NO.	RESOLUTION	Assigned to	Due Date	Status	Comments
		09-Jan-25			
234-25: Serben	That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the correspondence received from the Executive Assistant of Legislative Services, Beaver County, dated January 2, 2025, calling for RMA District 5 Agenda items to add to the January 24, 2025, Meeting; and respond to ensure the following subjects are on the agenda: the decline of rural volunteers for community halls, rural crime reduction, rural healthcare, Oil & Gas Property Tax. Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) funding, and	Executive Services Clerk		in progress	The Agenda Items were forwarded as requested; however, they were not added to the agenda as there is a new format for submitting agenda items for the district meetings where an RFD with recommendations and background information must be submitted and attached/brought forward by the municipality to present/propose it. Due to this new format there was limited turnaround time to produce a respectable submission.
		23-Jan-25			
		09-Feb-25			
327-25: Céré	That Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1472-25: to Redistrict & Reclassify NE-34-59-13-W4 from Residential to Agricultural, for the purpose of amending the Smoky Lake County Land Use Bylaw No.1272-14, from Residential Conservation Area to Agriculture Area, be given FIRST READING be given THIRD & FINAL READING, and that the Reeve	Legislative Srv. &		Completed	The bylaw was signed and filed in the vault, on March 20, 2025. The bylaw was posted to the website on May 5, 2025.
335-25: Gawalko	That Smoky Lake County Council approve the backsloping program project along the lands legally described as NW-12-58-14-W4, as per the application received from Brad Shapka, dated March 4, 2025, and subject to the pass of an inspection conduction by the Public Works Manager or designate, upon completion the County will provide funding to the applicant in the amount of half the total cost of the project up to a maximum amount of \$2,500.00, in accordance with County Policy Statement No.03-21-06.	Public Works & Accounts Payable		In Progress	Inspected and approved on, 2025. Cheque # issued on, 2025.
336-25: Gawalko	That Smoky Lake County Council approve the backsloping program project along the lands legally described as SW-1-60-14-W4, as per the application received from Brad Veno, dated March 12, 2025, and subject to the pass of an inspection conduction by the Public Works Manager or designate, upon completion the County will provide funding to the applicant in the amount of half the total cost of the project up to a maximum amount of \$5,000.00, in accordance with County Policy Statement No.03-21-06.	Public Works & Accounts Payable		In Progress	Inspected and approved on, 2025. Cheque # issued on, 2025.
		13-Mar-25			

	Department to clear a portion (approximately 300 meters in length) of the undeveloped government road allowance lying south of the lands legally described as SE-14-59-16-W4M, and to construct a low-grade road on said cleared portions, pursuant to the scope of work provided by the Smoky Lake County Road Foreman, dated March 5, 2025; at no cost to the County; and enter into a Hold Harmless Agreement with the said lands' owner.	Manager		coniditions to elimite the chance of potentially causing grass fires in the area with equipment use.
371-25: Halisky	That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) representatives were unable to attend the March 27, 2025 Council Meeting as scheduled, and coordinate their attendance as Delegations to a future meeting to reschedule the RMA's 3-year rotation, Member visit.	Executive Srv.	In Progress	The RMA Member visit has been rescheduled to, 2025.
384-25: Céré	That Smoky Lake County extend an invitation to MCSNet to be a delegation to an April 2025 Council Meeting to provide an update in respect to their broadband projects, since their last presentation received by Council in April 2024.	Executive Srv.	In Progress	Email sent to MCSNet Heather and Rhonda on May 12, 2025.
389-25: Serben	That Smoky Lake County acknowledge receipt of the flyer received for Aspen View Public Schools Career Fair Event, scheduled for April 23, 2025, at the Athabasca Regional Multiplex; and request further information from the organization.	Executive Srv.	Completed	Filed in Municipal Files
		10-Apr		
405-25: Halisky	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Environmental Operations Manager	In Progress	Research has started from 4 neighboring municipalities and will provide council with findings and recommendations attached with a RFD on early September Regular Council meeting.
411-25:		Legislative Srv. & Communications	In progress	The bylaw was signed and filed in the vault, on April 24, 2025. The bylaw was posted to the website on May 5, 2025.
421-25: Halisky		Legslative Services & Executive Services	In Progress	

437-25: Serben	That the Smoky Lake County amend the mowing program to include mowing to the fence-line for the 2025 year.		In Progress	This will be brought to the June ASB meeting, and be presented at the next Council Meeting that Follows.
		24-Apr-25		
445-25:Gawalko	That Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1477-25: to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 1272-14 to Redistrict the lands legally described as NW-27-60-14-W4M, from Rural Industrial (M2) to Agriculture (AG District); and to amend Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 1249-12 to Reclassify the lands legally described as NW-27-60-14-W4M from Commercial Area to Agriculture Area, be given SECOND READING and THIRD and FINAL READING	Planning & Dev Manager Comm. Officer	Completed	The bylaw was signed and filed in the vault, on May 1st, 2025. The bylaw was posted to the website on May 5th, 2025.
448-25 Céré	That Smoky Lake County approve Policy 02·11 Peace Officer Annual Reporting be amended as presented.	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer	Completed	The Policy was filed in the vault, on May 9, 2025. The Policy was posted to the website on May 7, 2025.
449-25: Serben	That Smoky Lake County Direct Administration to set up a meeting with Minster Mike Ellis as well as a meeting with the East Division RCMP and present the study and request enhanced support.		In Progress	Letters Drafted , has been signed. When reply is received Council will be updated.
451-25 Céré	That Smoky Lake County approve Policy 02·32 Peace Officer Video Recording System be amended as presented.	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer	Completed	The Policy was filed in the vault, on May 9, 2025. The Policy was posted to the website on May 7, 2025.
452-25 Halisky	That Smoky Lake County approve Policy 2·10 Peace Officer Operational Records be amended with the following additions: 1.1 add "Locked Cabinet" 3.3 add "Notebooks"	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer	Completed	The Policy was filed in the vault, on May 9, 2025. The Policy was posted to the website on May 7, 2025.
453-25 Céré	That Smoky Lake County approve Policy 2·18. Peace Officer Use of Force Policy be amended as presented.	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer	Completed	The Policy was filed in the vault, on May 9, 2025. The Policy was posted to the website on May 7, 2025.
454-25 Gawalko	That Smoky Lake County Policy 2·17. Peace Officer Use of Baton be rescinded.	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer	Completed	Policy removed from the website on May 7, 2025
455-25 Fenerty	That Smoky Lake County approve Policy 2·26 Peace Officer Communications Systems be amended as presented.	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer	Completed	The Policy was filed in the vault, on May 9, 2025. The Policy was posted to the website on May 7, 2025.
456-25 Céré	That Smoky Lake County approve Policy 2·29 Peace Officer Exhibit be amended as presented.	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer	Completed	The Policy was filed in the vault, on May 9, 2025. The Policy was posted to the website on May 7, 2025.

457-25 Halisky	That Smoky Lake County approve Policy 2·36 Peace Officer Uniform and Equipment be amended with the following additions: 4.7 Jewelry must be worn under the uniform and not be seen	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer	Completed	The Policy was filed in the vault, on May 9, 2025. The Policy was posted to the website on May 7, 2025.
458-25 Gawalko	That Smoky Lake County approve Policy 2·37 Peace Officer Patrol Vehicle be approved as presented.	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer	Completed	The Policy was filed in the vault, on May 9, 2025. The Policy was posted to the website on May 7, 2025.
459-25 Halisky	That Smoky Lake County directs the Community Peace Officer to develop an OHV Policy for a future council meeting in May.	Community Peace Officer	In Progress	Will be brought to the May 22, 2025 Meeting
460-25 Halisky	That Smoky Lake County directs the Administration to assess the repairs needed on the existing quad and fitting it for use for future use of the Community Peace officer.	Public Works /CPO	In Progress	Quad is fit for use, awaiting quotes for Lights and equipment.
464-25 Halisky	That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 03-18-20: Five-Year Road Plan, be amended with the following additions: Range Rd 130 from 602 to Whitefish to be added to the project list in 2026.	Public Works Manager, Legislative Srv.,& Communications	Completed	The Policy was filed in the vault, on May 9, 2025. The Policy was posted to the website on May 9, 2025.
467-25 Serben	That Smoky Lake County extends the invitation, as per motion 449-25, to include Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ric McIver, and Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, Dan Williams. Additionally, once the meeting date is confirmed, extend an invitation to Officer in Charge of Alberta Eastern District, RCMP, Gary Graham, and Sgt. Anita Doktor to attend the meeting.	CAO & Executive Services	In Progress	Letter was signed by Reeve and Sent. Once reply has been received, update will be brought to a future council meeting.
468-25 Halisky	That Smoky Lake County schedule a Public Input Period for the proposed Material change to Smoky Lake Development Corp. on May 22, 2025, pursuant to Section 75.3 of the Municipal Government act.	Legislative Services & Comm. Officer	Completed	Notice posted on the County website on May 1 and notice of engagement scheduled on social media on May 1 & 13, 2025.
		08-May-25		
500-25: Halisky	That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to research comparable Bylaws regarding the use of recreational vehicles (Rv's) with framework to Hamlets, Agriculture, Subdivisions, and but not limited to Lake Subdivisions as well as direct Enforcement Services to acquire more information concerning the units effected by this bylaw and bring the information forward to the Regular Council for the May 22nd.	Planning & Dev Manager / CPO	In Progress	This will be brought to the June 12th Regular Council Meeting. Research is still being conducted.
501-25: Serben	That Smoky Lake County Council defer the purchase of a MACWORX INC Load Scanner in the amount of \$106,419.05 and instruct administration to bring forward Bylaw 1142-06 Aggregate Community Tax for review and research material on drone software and training to bring back to the May 22nd, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.	Public Works Manager	In Progress	This will be brought to the June 12th Regular Council Meeting. Research is still being conducted.

502-25: Halisky		Finance / Public Works Manager	Completed	The procurement process is complete.
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504-25: Cere		Finance / Public Works Manager	Completed	The procurement process is complete.
505-25- Gawalko	- I	Finance / Public Works Manager	Completed	The procurement process is complete.
509-25: Serben	, , ,	Finance Manager/CAO	In Progress	Will be brought to a future meeting.



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Council and Budget Meetings

April 22 – County Budget Meeting

Council met to finalize the 2025 municipal budget. Major highlights include:

- Approval of a \$10.9 million capital budget
- Balanced total function budget of \$25.95 million
- Increased funding to the Vilna, Waskatenau, and Smoky Lake Agricultural Societies
- A decision to **re-instate mowing to the fence-line** as part of the County's road maintenance program

April 24 – Regular Council Meeting

A range of strategic, planning, and operational items were addressed:

- **Bylaw 1477-25** received second and third reading to redistrict land from Rural Industrial (M2) to Agricultural (AG) use
- Council passed multiple **Community Peace Officer (CPO) policy amendments**, improving operational standards for:
 - Annual reporting
 - Use of force and batons
 - Operational records
 - Patrol vehicles
- Delegations:
 - MNP presented the Community-Based Policing Study; Administration was directed to engage Ministers and RCMP for follow-up
 - o **STARS Air Ambulance** provided their 2023–2024 service review
 - o Smoky Lake Golf Club representatives appeared regarding operational funding
- Tax Rate Bylaw 1480-25 was passed in all three readings for 2025
- Council scheduled a **Public Input Period on May 22** regarding a material change to the Smoky Lake Development Corp. (tourism operations suspension)
- Stars Presented Council with a photo framed for ongoing support in the amount of \$6, 000.00 annually
- That Smoky Lake County Policy Statement No. 03-18-20: Five-Year Road Plan, be amended with the following additions:
 - o Range Rd 130 from 602 to Whitefish to be added to the project list in 2026.
- That Smoky Lake County add the Smoky Lake Town and Country Golf course to the JMM Meeting on April 28, 2025



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May 8 – Regular Council Meeting

Council focused on emergency readiness and capital investments:

- Approved more than \$786,000 in equipment acquisitions to support Public Works and Fire Services, including:
 - Water tanker, dual-purpose dump/sander, sander/plow, and a track hoe with mulching head
- **Public Question Period** centered on wildfire preparedness:
 - o I confirmed that **Thorhild County** had been contacted to offer assistance
 - Health & Safety Coordinator Jasmine Schaub and CAO Kevin Lucas updated residents on equipment readiness and emergency planning
- Delegations:
 - o Northern Lights Library System provided a Year in Review
 - Clayton Didier presented opportunities for developing a visitor-based economy in Smoky Lake County
- Other items:
 - o RV Bylaw 1432-23 was referred back for further research
 - o Aggregate Community Tax Bylaw review and drone alternatives were requested
 - o Organizational chart updates were deferred to June 26
 - Smoky Lake County was formally recognized with its Certificate of Recognition (COR) in occupational health and safety
 - Smoky Lake County Defer Organizational Chart to the June 26th, 2025 Regular Council Meeting
 - That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Colten Gargus and Jorja Krysik as the Weed and Pest Inspectors for Smoky Lake County, effective May 8th, 2025, to termination of employment.

Regional and Community Engagement

April 25 – Smoky Lake Foundation Board Meeting

Attended strategic discussions on housing and seniors' services:

- Occupancy in supportive living sites are at 100% except for Vilna. Vilna is at 61 and 58 percent occupancy in the two levels of care. This, again, is due to small rooms.
- Shingles, soffits, eaves troughs and fascia will be replaced on the manor housing in Smoky Lake and Waskatenau. Completion by Aug/Sep
- o Financials are clean, on budget
- o Staff training and professional development is available and ongoing

April 28 – Joint Municipalities Meeting (JMM)

Engaged with municipal neighbors on key shared issues including:



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- Highway 831 bridge safety repair, Letters have been sent to
- Community-Based Policing Study from Sgt. Anita Doktor, who provided a verbal update regarding:
 - o BAIT Project was Successful and will continue
 - Community Peace Officer is assisting in Bylaw complaints, Animal Protection Act and other Provincial Legislation which makes the RCMP members available for Criminal Code Related Offenses.
 - o New Member starting next week.
 - o 1 Cpl leaving and a member from St. Paul will be transferring to the detachment.
 - Victim Services is in the process of hiring an Advocate for Smoky Lake, until then Redwater will cover one day a week, unless otherwise needed.
 - Sgt. Doktor will email MLA Glen van Dijken regarding the safety concerns of the Bridge repairs and reduced speed limit on HWY 831.
- STARS Air Ambulance contributions
- Smoky Lake Golf Club funding update
- Regional immigration support through the **AAIP Rural Renewal Stream**, update provided by Michelle Wright, Smoky Lake Chamber or Commerce
- Attendance boundary changes from **Aspen View Public Schools**, School Trustee, Elohne Chizawsky and Superintendent of Schools, Constantine Kastrinos, who provided a verbal update regarding:
 - Areas on the northwestern edge of the current Vilna attendance area were shifted to the Smoky Lake attendance area.
 - Rochester: The current Rochester attendance area was redistributed to the Athabasca and Thorhild attendance areas, with a boundary loosely following Highway 661. The changes aim to minimize bussing ride times and accommodate existing students while addressing concerns raised by families in the Rochester, Smoky Lake, and Vilna area.
 - The Board of Trustees unanimously approved Aspen View's Capital Plan for submission to the provincial government.
 - Aspen View Public Schools is facing a decrease in revenue and an increase in expenditures in the 2024/2025 school year, requiring spending reductions
- Presentation from Eastern Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society, Director of Regional Operations, Melody Littell, and Assistant Director of Regional Operations, Doris Pindroch, who provided an overview of East Area Regional Victim Services Program provided the following information points:
 - Victim services core values: respect, compassion, confidentiality, integrity, collaboration
 - o Victim services as regional model



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- EARVSS Service Structure roles: navigators, coordinator, administrative staff, tier 1 are employees and tier two are volunteers, emphasis on timely, compassion service delivery
- o Community Referrals
- o General Support Services
- o Criminal Justice System Navigation

April 29 – Tour of the EHN Red Deer Recovery Community

Toured the EHN Sandstone Recovery Centre

- Nutritional rehabilitation to restore and normalize eating and food related habits, including meal support therapy and meal supervision
- Nutritional rehabilitation and structured meal support therapy
- In house counsellors, nurse practitioners, medical doctors and administration
- Reward ceremonies for 30, 60, and 90 days of sobriety
- Residents follow schedules for regular household chores
- Medical detox
- Cognitive and Dialectical Behavioural Therapy (CBT/DBT)
- Recovery Capital Model programming
 It serves as a provincial leader in long-term residential addiction recovery care.
- EHN have had zero attempts from residents to leave the facility early in the last two years.
- There is a "self check in" procedure, waitlist being 6 months
- Residents receive primary treatment for 60-90, up to 100 days
- Accommodations are separated from men and women
- Process groups supported by therapists and peers to work through situations and process emotions through different perspectives, support, encouragement and feedback in a safe environment
- Family sessions to support the family system and work through treatment goals that include skill and strategy integration.
- Jayden Ernst, Minister Willams chief of staff, to make arrangements with minister Nixon, Williams, Smoky Lake County Council, and Smoky Lake Foundation CAO, Raymond Cormie to meet for the purpose to increase housing within our region

May 9 – Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth and Opportunities Meeting

Attended the NAAGO meeting; the following letter were drafted:

• Follow-up Letter to Minister Dreeshen:

This letter is intended to clarify and address some of the outstanding questions raised by the group. Your feedback will help ensure we've captured the key points effectively

• Letter to the Department of National Defence (Canada):



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This letter highlights the urgent need for support in upgrading Highway 28, particularly in light of the upcoming 4 Wing Cold Lake Expansion.

• Letter to surrounding Oil Companies:

We are proposing to reach out to relevant oil companies for their support regarding Highway 28 improvements. The goal is to distribute this letter to all companies that are impacted by or have a stake in this corridor.

• Letter to Local Councils:

This letter aims to encourage continued support for **NAAGO** following the upcoming municipal elections. We want to ensure its important work carries on without interruption.

May 12 – NE Muni-Corr Ltd. Meeting

Discussed planning and priorities for the regional multi-use trail network.

May 14 – 4th Annual AVIPS Robotics Tournament (Athabasca)

Honoured to serve as a judge at this K–9 robotics event with 160 students' attendance, assessing student creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork. This initiative highlights the growing importance of STEM education and youth innovation.

Sincerely,

Jered Serben

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April 11, 2025

Reeve Jered Serben Smoky Lake County 4612 McDougall Drive Smoky Lake AB T0A 3C0

Dear Reeve Serben:

Thank you for meeting with the Honourable Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services; Glenn van Dijken, MLA for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock; and me, during the Rural Municipalities of Alberta 2025 Spring Convention to discuss rural regional fire services and funding needs, concerns about maintenance costs and purchases of items such as fire trucks, and the impacts of local fire services responding to highway collisions due to ambulance response times.

I appreciated our discussion and learning more about the perspectives of your municipality. The work municipal leaders do at the local level is vital to the success of communities and our province. I am committed to ensuring your concerns are heard, and I strongly believe in maintaining our relationship of mutual respect and cooperation, while serving Albertans.

I appreciated your impassioned advocacy on behalf of your first responders and the need to provide the necessary supports for those undertaking this challenging work. I have copied the Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health, regarding ambulance response times and rural health services for her consideration.

Please note the Fire Services Training Grant program provides funding to assist communities in ensuring their local fire services are adequately trained to respond safely and effectively. For more information on how to apply, visit www.alberta.ca/fire-services-training-grant.

Thank you again for meeting, and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,
Ric M IVI

Ric McIver Minister

CC:

Honourable Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services

Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health

Glenn van Dijken, MLA, Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock

Kevin Lucas, Chief Administrative Officer, Smoky Lake County

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RMA's Legislative Update: Week of April 28 - May 2, 2025

Posted on: May 2, 2025

Coming off the heels of the federal election, the Alberta Legislature got right back to work debating and passing meaningful legislation. Recognizing the importance of the direction Alberta will take in light of the new structure of Parliament, the Legislature sat for two consecutive evenings through Monday and Tuesday to focus on federal-provincial relations.

Visitors to the Legislature this week included the Ponoka Storm U15 Girls Soccer team who will be representing Canada at the Iber Cup in Portugal later this year, representatives from Water Movement, an Indigenous group ensuring communities have the training and resources needed to supply clean water, and a group of Buddhist monks from California. Legislature also took a moment to recognize the tragic loss of life that occurred over the weekend at the Lapu-Lapu Day festival in Vancouver.

Members' Issues and Related Bills or Activities

Bill 50 – Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs

Bill 50

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 050.pdf) seeks to modify four pieces of legislation relevant to municipalities in Alberta: the Local Authorities Election Act (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/rsa-2000-c-l-21/latest/rsa-2000-c-l-21.html), the Municipal Government Act (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/rsa-2000-c-m-26/latest/rsa-2000-c-m-26.html), the New Home Buyer Protection Act (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/sa-2012-c-n-3.2/latest/sa-2012-c-n-3.2.html), and the Safety Codes Act (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/rsa-2000-c-s-1/latest/rsa-2000-c-s-1.html).

The Bill makes significant changes to the intermunicipal collaboration framework process, repeals all municipal codes of conduct, and introduces a funding scheme for municipal parties during an election. The Bill also changes significant aspects of the practice, administration, and recall of chief administrative officers.

RMA recently conducted a detailed **analysis (https://rmalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Bill-50-RMA-Analysis.pdf)** of Bill 50. Numerous questions have been raised by our members; RMA is actively seeking clarification from the Minister on several issues.

Bill 50 passed its second reading, on division, on April 30.

Bill 52 – Energy and Utilities Statues Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable Nathan Neudorf, Minister of Affordability and Utilities

Bill 52

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 052.pdf) makes several significant changes to the *Electric Utilities Act*

(https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/sa-2003-c-e-5.1/latest/sa-2003-c-e-5.1.html).

These include restructuring the energy market to replace the current Alberta Electric Systems Operator (AESO) power pool with a day-ahead and real-time market, modifying the duties of AESO to minimize interference in the energy market, and allow the Minister to create new regulations without committee oversight. The Bill would also permit hydrogen-blended gas to be used for residential and commercial purposes. These changes are expected to take effect by 2027.

If passed, Bill 52 would assist the electricity market move away from the current "zero-congestion" model which encouraged unfettered infrastructure expansion. In addition to market-based mechanisms, the amendments would encourage AESO to development transmission systems that permit greater exchange of electricity through minimal infrastructure. The changes may introduce risk to generators seeking to deliver electricity to the grid, as there would be reduced capacity for new or growing generators, but would reduce costs associated with building and maintaining an ever-expanding grid.

Bill 52 passed its second reading on April 30.

Bill 54 – Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice

Bill 54

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 054.pdf) would introduce significant changes to seven pieces of election-related legislation.

Among the many changes proposed, the Bill would ban electronic and out-of-riding ballots while expanding the use of special ballots, eliminates vouching for voters, require vote-counts to be complete within 12 hours of the closing of the voting period, reduce advertising

restrictions during elections, allow corporations and unions to make political donations, and increase the donation limit. The Bill would also make it easier for referendum questions to be initiated by citizens.

The GOA submits that the amendments will ensure democratic prosses – elections and referendums – are aligned and conducted in a transparent manner. Premier Smith told a news conference that the changes "build on the integrity, trust, and openness that have always been at the heart of democracy and keep Alberta strong and free." Critics of the Bill note that the increased donation and advertising amounts place average people at a disadvantage in terms of political influence, and that the new rules may make it more difficult to trace donation sources.

Bill 54 passed its first reading on April 29.

Other Notable Legislative Action

Bill 39 – Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

Bill 39

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 039.pdf) proposes several funding changes described in Budget 2025 to various acts. At issue during this week's sittings were changes to funding for Legal Aid and the Law Society of Alberta. Lawyers have raised concerns with the proposed \$22 million cut in Legal Aid funding, noting there are already significant barriers to access to justice for the general population, and that these cuts will only delay or prevent this access. The GOA submits the changes are necessary to find efficiencies within the justice system. Bill 39 passed it second reading, unamended, on April 29.

Bill 40 – Professional Governance Act, 2025 Honourable Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education

Bill 40

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 040.pdf) seeks to modernize and streamline professional governance by consolidating nine separate acts into one. This would bring more than 20 professional regulators – including accounting, engineering, geoscience, and veterinary medicine – under one entity. The Bill would standardize the framework for resolution processes, including complaints, disciplines, and appeals, across the professional organizations. The Bill passed it second reading on April 28. Debate continued through April 30, but was adjourned.

Bill 44 – Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable RJ Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation Debate continued on Bill 44

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 044.pdf) from its adjournment on April 15. The Bill seeks to encourage the emerging biogas industry in Alberta through clarifying waste management practices by amending the use and disposal of waste throughout the biogas creation process in the Agricultural Operation Practices Act (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/rsa-2000-c-a-7/latest/rsa-2000-c-a-7.html). While changes that are expected to reduce the amount of farm waste entering landfills was applauded, concerns were raised over the limited areas of development. The current limit to industrial areas away from the public, instead of farmland, regardless of proximity to municipalities, appears to contradict the stated environmental goals of the legislation. Debate was adjourned again on April 29.

Bill 45 - Critical Infrastructure Defence Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice

Bill 45

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 045.pdf) updates the definition of "essential infrastructure" – infrastructure and land protected from protest and unlawful entering under the *Critical Infrastructure Defence Act* (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/sa-2020-c-c-32.7/latest/sa-2020-c-c-32.7.html) (CIDA) – to include a two-kilometre-deep area on the US-Canada border and oil and gas production facilities. The Bill, critically referenced by some commentators as "performative," also seeks to apply the CIDA prohibition on entering essential infrastructure to the Government of Canada. The Bill passed its second reading on April 28.

Bill 47 – Automobile Insurance Act, 2025 Honourable Nate Horner, Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board

Bill 47

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 047.pdf) introduces no-fault collision insurance into the Albertan vehicle insurance scheme. The merits of the scheme continued to be debated, with special attention given to the inability of injured parties to sue for extenuating or debilitating injuries and the projected profits for private insurance companies. Critics note that the scheme may move significant funds from the insured to private companies without the corresponding and adequate coverage. The Bill passed its second reading, on division, on April 30.

Bill 49 – Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services

Bill 49

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 049.pdf) further enables the establishment of a provincial police force in Alberta. It also introduces changes to how emergencies are declared and managed in the province. Bill 49 amends several Acts, including the *Police Act* (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/rsa-_

2000-c-p-17/latest/rsa-2000-c-p-17.html) and the Emergency Management Act (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/rsa-2000-c-e-6.8/latest/rsa-2000-c-e-

6.8.html). The Bill may provide more policing options to municipalities; however, there remain concerns over the financial, governance and service level implications for municipalities. Bill 49 passed its second reading, on division, on April 30. RMA is currently conducting a detailed analysis of Bill 49 and will provide members with more information in the near future.

Bill 51 – Education Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education

Bill 51

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 051.pdf) is the education board version of the hotly debated Bill 50. Bill 51 seeks to update the *Education Act* (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/sa-2012-c-e-0.3/latest/sa-2012-c-e-0.3.html) by introducing a preamble that recognizes the various school boards within Alberta, removing duplicative reporting processes, and changing the removal procedure for school board trustees. School board trustees that breach the school board code of conduct would now only be able to be removed through the election process or a recall vote. The recall would be initiated after 40% of the voters in a trustee's ward sign a recall petition. Bill 51 passed its second reading on April 30.

Bill 53 – Compassionate Intervention Act, 2025 Honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction

Bill 53

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 053.pdf) would allow adult family members, guardians, healthcare professionals, and police to request a treatment order for those with addiction or substance use issues and are a danger to themselves or others. The Act would allow the internment of these individuals in a secure-treatment facility for three to six months without their consent. The GOA says that the Act aims to keep communities safe while ensuring vulnerable people have access to recovery supports. Debate was adjourned on April 29.

Bill 210 – Employment Standards (Protecting Workers' Tips) Amendment Act, 2024 Honourable Christina Gray, Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods

Bill 210

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 210.pdf) revises the *Employment Standards Code* to protect tips and gratuities from being allocated unfairly from employees who earn them. The Bill would also mandate that any pooled tips are distributed through agreement, and that the amount returns directly to the employees. The Bill was defeated on April 28.

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RMA Releases Bill 49 Member Resource

Posted on: May 5, 2025



On April 7, 2025, the Government of Alberta tabled Bill 49: Public Safety and Emergency

Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill-049.pdf). This Bill proposes changes to many different pieces of legislation – notable to members are changes to the *Police Act* (https://aapg.ca/wp-

content/uploads/2020/09/police-act.pdf) and the *Emergency Management Act* (https://kings-printer.alberta.ca/1266.cfm? page=E06P8.cfm&leg_type=Acts&isbncln=9780779847808)(EMA).

Bill 49 allows for the Government of Alberta to take significant steps to move forward with the creation of an independent agency police service (IAPS). If the IAPS is ultimately formed, municipalities will have the option of receiving policing services directly from the IAPS instead of through the RCMP or other means currently outlined in the Police Act. There is little clarity currently available on the logistics of these changes.

In regard to the EMA, Bill 49 updates the definition of "emergency" to make it clear that emergencies are sudden and temporary events. Changes also allow for greater provincial government involvement in emergency management at the local level.

In response to these amendments, the RMA has created a **resource** (https://rmalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Bill-49-Member-Resource.pdf) to help members better understand these changes and advocate for answers to pertinent questions that will affect communities.

RMA will continue to monitor the progress of Bill 49 and will share updates with members, including responses to questions RMA has posed to the Minister, to keep members fully informed on how the proposed changes may affect municipalities going forward.

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Hello RMA Mayors/Reeves and CAOs,

On March 23, 2025, following consultations throughout 2024, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) released a **draft blackline version** of *Rule 007: Facility Applications* and invited written feedback.

Rule 007 sets out the application requirements for the construction, alteration, operation, and the discontinuation, dismantling and removal of power plants and associated facilities, including renewable energy developments. Rule 007 also addresses the consultation process that proponents of facilities must follow when making facility applications to the AUC and how municipalities are consulted in the application and decision-making processes.

Written feedback on the Rule 007 Blackline can be submitted until May 23, 2025, by emailing **engage@auc.ab.ca** with the subject line "007 rule feedback." All written submissions will be made publicly available on the **AUC's Rule 007 Engage page.**

To support members' development of their own written feedback to the Rule 007 Blackline, RMA has developed a **Member Guide** that emphasizes key themes and rural concerns about Rule 007. The Guide is structured around four priority policy areas identified by RMA as crucial to ensuring renewable energy industry growth, being:

- Municipalities' role in the approval process and project alignment with municipal plans
- Agricultural land impacts
- Reclamation requirements
- Visual impact assessments and viewscapes

RMA encourages members to use the **Member Guide** as a baseline for developing their own written submissions that incorporate their priorities and experiences with the previous AUC process, renewable energy companies, or other relevant factors. Contact RMA's Policy and Advocacy team if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,









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RMA's Legislative Update: Week of May 5 - 9, 2025

Posted on: May 9, 2025

The penultimate sitting of this session saw multiple, consecutive, afternoon and evening sittings as Legislature sought to conclude many significant matters before the summer break. Marred by controversy over separation, the Assembly rushed debate through a significant number of bills that will likely set the political table for the foreseeable future. Additionally, Speaker Nathan Cooper announced his resignation; he begins his new position as the Senior Representative to the United States of America for the GOA next week.

Visitors to the Legislature this week included multiple groups of Indigenous leaders, including former national Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Dr. Mattew Coon Come, and Chief Allan Adam of Athabasca First Nation. The Assembly also hosted the ambassador of Türkiye – His Excellency Can Didzar – and several disability advocates including the executive directors of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Craig Peterson and Taylor Bauer. The Assembly also took the time to recognize the 80th Anniversary of the Canadian military's liberation of the Netherlands on May 6.

Members' Issues and Related Bills or Activities

Bill 41 – Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable Todd Lowen, Minister of Forestry and Parks

Bill 41

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 041.pdf) makes several significant changes to the *Wildlife Act*

(https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/rsa-2000-c-w-10/latest/rsa-2000-c-w-10.html) including allowing children as young as 12 to hunt without parental supervision, permitting wildlife officers to remedy potential conflicts between protected animals and humans without a court order, and allowing Albertans to kill bears and cougars for meat. The Bill also

introduces digital permits, which should ease the process for obtaining the requisite tags.

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While proponents of the Bill emphasize the importance of modernizing the legislation to meet stewardship and administrative needs, detractors have raised alarm over the relaxation of hunting limits in areas of vulnerable species. The new rules raise some significant concerns about sustainable harvest limits and ethical hunting, something not addressed in the language of Bill 41. There are fears that the expanded ability to hunt efficiently may endanger animal populations unnecessarily, a trend that has been accelerating in recent years.

The Bill passed its third reading on May 7, and has been submitted to the Lieutenant Governor to receive Royal Assent and become law.

Bill 44 – Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable RJ Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

Bill 44

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 044.pdf) seeks to encourage the emerging biogas industry in Alberta through clarifying waste management practices by amending the use and disposal of natural waste throughout the biogas creation process in the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/rsa-2000-c-a-7/latest/rsa-2000-c-a-7.html).

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Biodigesters – facilities that take raw organic material and turn them into biogas – are already operating in Alberta, but there are significant gaps in the regulation on management of organic materials which led to uncertainty in the industry.

Bill 44 was initiated from an expressed desire from Alberta's agriculture and food processing sectors to develop economical and efficient solutions to reducing waste sent to landfills in a conscientious manner. The Bill affirms an expanded list of organic materials that may be used in the biogas creation process and asserts present zoning and development rules on potential smell pollution will govern licencing. While changes expected to reduce the amount of farm waste entering landfills have been applauded by critics, farmers, and rancher alike, concerns remain over what may be limited areas of development.

Bill 44 passed its third reading on May 5, and has been submitted to the Lieutenant Governor to receive Royal Assent and become law.

Bill 45 - Critical Infrastructure Defence Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice

Bill 45

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 045.pdf) updates the definition of "essential infrastructure" – infrastructure and land protected from protest and unlawful entering under the *Critical Infrastructure Defence Act* (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/sa-2020-c-c-32.7/latest/sa-2020-c-c-32.7.html) (CIDA) – to include a two-kilometre-deep area on the US-Canada border and oil and gas production facilities. The Bill would also apply the CIDA prohibition on entering essential infrastructure to the Government of Canada.

Citing "continuous constitutional overreaches", Premier Smith defended the Bill as a method of eliminating discrepancies on emissions numbers between the Federal and Provincial government. Critics of Bill 45 liken it as part of a GOA trend to create "big-government oversight" and heavy-handed intervention that would inevitably result in detracting investment to the Alberta oil and gas sector.

Bill 45 was approved by the Committee of the Whole on May 5, and now moves towards the third reading.

Bill 46 – Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable Nate Horner, Minister of Technology and Innovation

Bill 46

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 046.pdf) updates administrative changes provided in both the *Protection of Privacy Act* (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/sa-2024-c-p-28.5/latest/sa-2024-c-p-28.5.html)(POPA) and the *Access to Information Act*

(https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/sa-2024-c-a-1.4/latest/sa-2024-c-a-1.4.html) (ATIA) as Alberta seeks to replace the outdated *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/rsa-2000-c-f-25/latest/rsa-2000-c-f-25.html).

The amendments seek to clarify how privacy protections apply to data derived from personal information while aligning language across the POPA and ATIA. Bill 46 clarifies that non-personal data and data derived from personal information must still comply with privacy rules under POPA and are not subject to access requests under ATIA.

However, Bill 46 also gives considerable power to the Minister to modify or change any existing regulations that may interact with these privacy Acts. Often referred to as a "Henry VIII clause", the proposed amendment under Bill 46 could give the relevant minister considerable power to change any regulation without public scrutiny, debate, or opposition. Several amendments were tabled to strike out or limit the powers granted by this section, but were ultimately defeated.

Debate was adjourned on May 7.

Bill 49 – Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services

Amending several acts, Bill 49

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 049.pdf) takes significant steps towards establishing a provincial police force in Alberta and modifies the management of emergencies within the Province.

Bill 49 amends the *Police Act* (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/rsa-2000-c-p-17/latest/rsa-2000-c-p-17.html) to allow for the creation of independent police forces that Alberta municipalities may opt to use and replacing current RCMP detachments. RMA maintains that these independent police services should not be implemented until there has been substantial consultation and quantifiable, significant, majority support from municipalities and Albertans for independent police forces in Alberta.

The *Emergency Management Act* (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/rsa-2000-c-e-6.8/latest/rsa-2000-c-e-6.8.html) outlines and delineates the powers and processes available to municipalities and the GOA in the event of a declared emergency. Bill 49 introduces amendments that recognize and emphasize individual and property rights during an emergency; narrows the definition of emergency to one that is "sudden and temporary"; requires the Minister to consult with the Premier, Cabinet, or a committee before exercising Provincial authority; and requires the GOA to publish all relevant orders.

RMA recently analyzed Bill 49 and created a **resource (https://rmalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Bill-49-Member-Resource.pdf)** that details all the changes made. Bill 49 has been submitted to the Committee of the Whole but has not yet received their approval. Debate adjourned on May 5.

Bill 50 – Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs

Bill 50

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 050.pdf) seeks to modify four pieces of legislation relevant to municipalities in Alberta: the Local Authorities Election Act (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/rsa-2000-c-l-21/latest/rsa-2000-c-l-21.html), the Municipal Government Act (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/rsa-2000-c-m-26/latest/rsa-2000-c-m-26.html), the New Home Buyer Protection Act (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/sa-2012-c-n-3.2/latest/sa-2012-c-n-3.2.html), and the Safety Codes Act (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/rsa-2000-c-s-1.html).

The Bill makes significant changes to the intermunicipal collaboration framework process, repeals all municipal codes of conduct, and introduces a funding scheme for municipal parties during an election that greatly increases the amounts available to party-affiliated candidates. The Bill also changes significant aspects of the practice, administration, and recall of chief administrative officers.

Two amendments were proposed – extending out-of-jurisdiction voting to Athabasca First Nation members and increasing reporting timelines for CAOs on natural person powers to 5 days from 3 – both were rejected. Debate continued but was ultimately adjourned on May 7.

RMA recently conducted a detailed **analysis (https://rmalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Bill-50-RMA-Analysis.pdf)** of Bill 50. Numerous questions have been raised by our members; RMA is actively seeking clarification from the Minister on several issues.

Other Notable Legislative Action

Bill 39 – Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

Bill 39

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 039.pdf) is an omnibus bill that proposes several funding changes to various acts including the Alberta Corporate Tax Act (https://canlii.ca/t/56fw9), the Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/rsa-2000-c-a-30/224524/rsa-2000-c-a-30.html), the Income and Employment Supports Act (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/sa-2003-c-i-0.5/latest/sa-2003-c-i-0.5.html), and the Legal Profession Act (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/rsa-2000-c-l-8/213218/rsa-2000-c-l-8.html). While the Bill lowers the Provincial tax rate on income less than \$60 000 from 10% to 8%, and closes some loopholes in corporate tax assessments, there have been significant concern raised over changes in funding allocations for Legal Aid in Alberta.

Lawyers raised concerns with the proposed funding changes to Legal Aid noting existing access to justice barriers for Albertans. The funding changes would amount to an estimated \$22 million funding cut in 2026. Legal scholars have **pointed out**

(https://ablawg.ca/2025/04/28/disaster-in-the-making-ucp-government-grabs-control-of-the-alberta-law-foundations-funding-decisions/) that the changes would – contrary to statements made in the legislature – reduce the ability of the legal profession to provide free clinics and services to parties that cannot afford legal counsel.

Bill 39 was approved by the Committee of the Whole on May 6, and now moves towards the third reading.

Bill 51 – Education Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education

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after 40% of the voters in a trustee's ward sign a recall petition. The Bill also changes the names of "private schools" to "independent schools." Bill 51 was passed by the Committee of the Whole on May 7, and now moves towards the third reading.

Bill 52 – Energy and Utilities Statues Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable Nathan Neudorf, Minister of Affordability and Utilities

Bill 52

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill 052.pdf) proposes major reforms to the *Electric Utilities Act*

(https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/sa-2003-c-e-5.1/latest/sa-2003-c-e-5.1.html) and *Gas Utilities Act* (https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/laws/stat/rsa-2000-c-g-5/latest/rsa-2000-c-g-5.html). It restructures the electricity market by replacing the AESO power pool with a day-ahead and real-time market, redefines AESOs role to limit market interference, and grants the Minister power to create regulations without committee oversight. The Bill aims to shift away from the "zero-congestion" model, promoting cost-efficient transmission development and limiting unnecessary infrastructure growth. This may introduce delivery risks for new generators but reduce long-term grid costs. These changes are anticipated by 2027.

Bill 52 also updates the *Gas Utilities Act* to allow hydrogen-blended natural gas for residential and commercial use. Recognizing inconsistent hydrogen supplies, Bill 52 accounts for periods of low availability by beefing-up enforcing the tracking of the supply of blended gas before it reaches consumers.

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Bill 54 – Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 Honourable Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice

Bill 54

(https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill

054.pdf) is an omnibus bill that seeks to reform seven election-related laws in Alberta. These changes include banning electronic and out-of-riding ballots, expanding special ballot use, eliminating voter vouching, requiring vote counts within 12 hours of polls closing, loosening election advertising restrictions, and allowing corporate and union political donations while raising donation limits. The amendments would also ease the process for citizen-initiated referendums.

The government argues these changes will enhance transparency and align democratic processes. However, critics warn that the reforms could undermine electoral fairness by increasing the influence of wealthier donors and making donation sources harder to track.

Bill 54 quickly passed its second reading, on division, on May 7.

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The water licence approval criteria under the *Water Act* remain unchanged. Associated acts, regulations, policies, and requirements for provincial water resources are not changing.

Alberta Environment and Protected Areas will continue to use the <u>Digital Regulatory Assurance System</u> (<u>DRAS</u>) to process *Water Act* applications unrelated to energy or minerals.

The public will still be able to view the details of all applications, including water licence applications, through the Public Notice of Applications page: https://webapps.aer.ca/pnoa

More information on this system change can be found in the attached information sheet.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this notice.

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Water Licence Application Submission and Processing



What's New



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About OneStop

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To learn more about how we regulate, visit https://www.aer.ca/understanding-resource-development/how-we-regulate/decision-making-approach.



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May 12, 2025

Reeve Jered Serben Smoky Lake County PO Box 310 Smoky Lake AB T0A 3C0

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For Smoky Lake County:

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- The 2025 LGFF Operating allocation is \$215,604.

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Information on LGFF funding for all local governments is available on the LGFF website at www.alberta.ca/LGFF.

We look forward to our continued partnership through the LGFF program to build strong and prosperous communities across our province.

Sincerely,

Ric Melver

Ric McIver Minister

cc: Kevin Lucas, Chief Administrative Officer, Smoky Lake County



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cc: Kevin Lucas, Chief Administrative Officer, Smoky Lake County

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To: Jered Serben

Subject: RE: IMPORTANT: NAAGO May 9th follow up - Letters for Review

From: Amy Cherniwchan amy@smokylake.ca>

Date: May 14, 2025 at 6:06:41 PM MDT **To:** NAAGO naago@smokylake.ca

Subject: IMPORTANT: NAAGO May 9th follow up - Letters for Review

Hello All,

I've been working on a few draft letters to be sent on behalf of the group and would greatly appreciate your input. As these are still in draft form—and I don't claim to be an expert—I welcome any suggestions or feedback you may have. Please feel free to review and share your thoughts by **June 15**.

For those who weren't able to attend the recent meeting, I'll also walk through each letter and provide some background on the decisions that were made.

Before I dive into that, I want to share the **Alberta Health Services (AHS) complaint line** that was discussed during the meeting. We encourage patients and their families to submit feedback to this line, as it helps identify common issues within our healthcare system.

The contact information is as follows:

Patient Relations Department

- Submit feedback with the Patient Feedback Form
- phone: 1-855-550-2555
- mail:

c/o Patient Relations 10030 107 Street NW Edmonton, AB T5J 3E4 This is a mailing address only.

As discussed, several letters have been drafted:

1. Follow-up Letter to Minister Dreeshen:

This letter is intended to clarify and address some of the outstanding questions raised by the group. Your feedback will help ensure we've captured the key points effectively.

2. Letter to the Department of National Defence (Canada):

This letter highlights the urgent need for support in upgrading **Highway 28**, particularly in light of the upcoming **4 Wing Cold Lake Expansion**. Please review and advise on any additions or changes. I will cc MP Shannon Stubbs and Laila Goodridge and our MLA's ... Anyone else?

3. Letter to surrounding Oil Companies: We are proposing to reach out to relevant oil companies for their support regarding Highway 28 improvements. The goal is to distribute this letter to all companies that are impacted by or have a stake in this corridor. Feedback on wording and distribution strategy is welcome. I also would like confirmation that we are asking for a support letter or is there something more we should be asking of them in the letter?

4. Letter to Local Councils:

This letter aims to encourage continued support for **NAAGO** following the upcoming municipal elections. We want to ensure its important work carries on without interruption.

Please take some time to review each draft and provide your comments or suggestions. Your input is valued and will help strengthen the final versions.

The last thing I would like to have all members share with their council, which was discussed in our May 9th meeting, is that, as part of our long-term planning, we are also considering the possibility of integrating the current Alberta Hub Committee into NAAGO. This potential change would depend on the agreement of all councils and would be explored in greater detail closer to the spring of 2027, as government funding may no longer be available beyond that point for what we know now as the current Alberta Hub. Should this integration move forward, several important factors—such as membership fees, representation, roles, and responsibilities—would need to be carefully reviewed and discussed in collaboration with all stakeholders.

Thank you for your time and support.

Best regards,

Amy

Amy Cherniwchan *Mayor*

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Date: May 13, 2025

The Honorable Devon Dreeshen Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors 204 Legislature Building 10800 – 97 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

transportation.minister@gov.ab.ca

RE: NAAGO Highway 28 updates

Dear Minister Dreeshen,

Thank you for your recent update regarding upcoming activities on Highway 28 and your continued commitment to improving this critical transportation corridor. We appreciate your intention to provide quarterly updates and to keep stakeholders informed.

To support the work of the Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth and Opportunity (NAAGO), we would appreciate additional clarification on several aspects of the proposed Highway 28 work:

1. Treasury Board Engagement

Could you provide greater detail on the upcoming requests from the Treasury Board related to Highway 28? Specifically:

- What project components or phases will be submitted to the Treasury Board for consideration?
- What level of funding is being requested for each major project segment that will be submitted?
- How can NAAGO best support you with this project?

2. Project Clarifications

We would also appreciate further clarity on a few of the ongoing or planned activities:

- Highway 28 Twinning: Could you kindly confirm whether the twinning initiatives are limited to
 the segments currently identified (Edmonton to west of Bon Accord and Bonnyville to Cold
 Lake), or if additional sections along Highway 28 are being considered for future twinning?
- Safety Improvements (Smoky Lake to Bonnyville): Are there timelines for when 2025 construction activities will be confirmed, and which of those are considered most likely to proceed under current funding?

3. Commodity Flow Map

We would also appreciate an update on the status of the commodity flow mapping initiative:

 Could you please advise whether the updates to the commodity flow map, which were referenced during our October 2024 meeting, have been completed or are still in progress?



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Will the results be used to prioritize work being done on Highway 28?

Understanding the flow of goods across this corridor is essential to demonstrating Highway 28's economic significance and justifying accelerated investment. If there is an opportunity to support the progress of the commodity flow map, NAAGO would welcome the opportunity to contribute.

Once again, we appreciate your collaboration and ongoing efforts to enhance the Highway 28 corridor. We remain committed to supporting this work and helping advance the economic potential of Northeast Alberta.

Sincerely,

Amy Cherniwchan, NAAGO Chair

Mayor, Smoky Lake

Cc: Mr. Scott Cyr, <u>Bonnyville.ColdLake.StPaul@assembly.ab.ca</u>

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Date: May 13, 2025

Assistant Deputy Minister (Infrastructure and Environment)

Department of National Defence 101 Colonel By Drive Ottawa, ON K1A 0K2

Dear [Title and Name],

Re: Support for Highway 28 Infrastructure Improvements in Relation to the 4 Wing Cold Lake Expansion

I am writing to you as the Chair of the Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth and Opportunity (NAAGO), a coalition formed in 2023 to unite municipal and Indigenous leadership around shared priorities affecting the communities and industries of Northeast Alberta. NAAGO represents over 40 municipalities and Indigenous communities, home to more than 137,000 residents and thousands of businesses that contribute significantly to Alberta's economy.

Northeast Alberta is a critical hub for the province's energy, agriculture, and forestry sectors, producing approximately a third of Alberta's GDP. Our region supports nearly 2,300 active oil wells, 16.5 billion cubic metres of natural gas reserves, and over three million acres of farmland, with major projects underway valued at more than \$4.4 billion as of 2022. Among these, the Department of National Defence's \$500 million investment in the new Fighter Squadron Facility (FSF) at 4 Wing Cold Lake stands as a major driver of regional development.

As this national defence infrastructure progresses, we recognize there will be a surge in transportation demands—ranging from the movement of construction materials, heavy equipment, and employees, to the transport of dangerous goods. These needs will significantly impact Highway 28, the sole primary transportation corridor in our region.

Highway 28 is currently in dire condition. It is narrow, winding, and lacks adequate passing lanes, despite accommodating high volumes of industrial and commercial traffic, including wide and heavy loads. The pavement is severely degraded, and the route has become increasingly hazardous for school buses, emergency responders, and all who rely on it daily. With no access to air or rail infrastructure in the region, Highway 28 serves as our critical lifeline—yet it has not seen the investment necessary to support either current traffic or the scale of development underway.

We respectfully request the Department of National Defence's support in the following areas:

- Recognition of Highway 28 as an Economic Corridor: Formal support from the Department acknowledging the strategic importance of Highway 28 to national infrastructure and defence operations would greatly strengthen provincial and federal advocacy efforts.
- **Intergovernmental Coordination:** Collaboration with Alberta Transportation and regional stakeholders on transportation planning to ensure the FSF's operational needs align with Highway 28's current and future capacity.



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• Support for Infrastructure Investment Advocacy: As a major federal stakeholder in the region, your department's engagement in advocating for capital investment in Highway 28 would be invaluable.

NAAGO is committed to advancing infrastructure that supports regional growth and national priorities. We believe close coordination between the Department of National Defence, the Province of Alberta, and regional leaders will be essential to ensuring the success of the FSF project while addressing long-standing infrastructure deficiencies that impact both community well-being and operational readiness.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and explore ways to align our efforts to strengthen Northeast Alberta's infrastructure and economic resilience.

Thank you for your consideration and continued service to Canadians.

Sincerely,

Amy Cherniwchan, NAAGO Chair

Mayor, Smoky Lake

Cc: Mrs. Shannon Stubbs, shannon.stubbs@parl.gc.ca

Mrs. Laila Goodridae, laila.goodridae@parl.gc.ca

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Date: May 13, 2025

[Recipient Name]

[Title]
[Company Name]
[Company Address]

Dear [Recipient Name],

Re: Request for Industry Support for Upgrades to Highway 28 – A Critical Transportation Corridor

As Chair of the Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth and Opportunity (NAAGO), I am reaching out to request your support for the urgently needed upgrades to Highway 28—an essential transportation corridor that is critical to your company's operations and the broader industrial and economic landscape of Northeast Alberta.

Formed in 2023, NAAGO represents a coalition of over 40 municipalities and Indigenous communities, working collectively to advocate for strategic investment in our region. We represent more than 137,000 residents and key industries—oil and gas, agriculture, and forestry—that generate approximately one-third of Alberta's GDP.

Our region is home to:

- Nearly 2,300 active oil wells
- 16.5 billion cubic metres of natural gas reserves
- Over 5,700 farms covering three million acres of cropland
- More than \$4.4 billion in active capital projects (2022), including Alberta's Industrial Heartland developments and a \$500 million federal investment in 4 Wing Cold Lake

Despite this economic significance, our region remains underserved by transportation infrastructure, particularly Highway 28. This corridor, which is vital to the movement of your equipment, products, and employees, is in deteriorating condition. It is narrow, winding, and lacks passing lanes—despite serving as a designated heavy/wide-load and dangerous goods route. The road surface is compromised by cracks and potholes, posing daily safety risks for industry, school buses, emergency responders, and the public.

With the planned construction of the new Fighter Squadron Facility (FSF) at 4 Wing Cold Lake, the demands on Highway 28 will only intensify. The transport of construction materials, dangerous goods, and personnel will significantly increase traffic volume and stress the already inadequate infrastructure.

We are advocating for:

- Immediate upgrades to Highway 28, including widening, passing lanes, and resurfacing
- Formal recognition of Highway 28 as a critical economic and defence corridor
- Strategic alignment between federal, provincial, and industry stakeholders to prioritize this corridor in capital planning and funding discussions



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Your voice as a key industrial user is vital. We respectfully ask that your company express formal support for Highway 28 upgrades. A letter of endorsement from your organization—highlighting how this corridor is essential to your operations—will strengthen our advocacy efforts with the Government of Alberta, federal departments, and the Treasury Board.

We would be pleased to provide you with additional background materials, data, or support in preparing a statement or letter of support.

Together, we can work to secure the investment this region needs and deserves to remain competitive, safe, and resilient for the long term.

Thank you for your consideration and continued investment in Northeast Alberta. Sincerely,

Amy Cherniwchan, NAAGO Chair

Mayor, Smoky Lake

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Date: May 13, 2025

Dear Council Members,

Re: The Ongoing Importance of NAAGO's Unified Advocacy and Continued Lobbying Efforts

I am writing to reaffirm the critical role that the Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth and Opportunity (NAAGO) plays in advocating for the interests of our communities and industries—and to emphasize the importance of sustaining and expanding our lobbying efforts as we move forward.

NAAGO was formed with a simple but powerful mission: to bring together municipal and Indigenous leadership from across Northeast Alberta to work collaboratively on issues of shared concern. Today, NAAGO proudly represents over **40 municipalities and Indigenous communities**, advocating on behalf of more than **137,000 residents** and a region that is a cornerstone of Alberta's economy.

Our work is founded on the strength of our region, which:

- Supports 2,300 active oil wells and 16.5 billion cubic metres of natural gas reserves
- Cultivates over three million acres of farmland on 5,700 active farms
- Is home to nearly 67,000 workers whose efforts drive industries that contribute up to a third of Alberta's GDP
- Attracted over \$4.4 billion in capital investment in 2022, including the \$500 million expansion at 4 Wing Cold Lake

Despite these strengths, our region continues to face underinvestment in critical infrastructure such as highways and health care. As council members are aware, Highway 28 serves as the **primary transportation corridor** for our region, used daily by commercial vehicles, emergency responders, school buses, and residents. The route is narrow, winding, and in many places, dangerously deteriorated.

The need for Highway 28 investment has only become more urgent with the ongoing **construction** of the new Fighter Squadron Facility at 4 Wing Cold Lake, which will further increase traffic volumes and the transportation of specialized materials. NAAGO has been proactive in communicating this concern to the Government of Alberta, federal partners, and regional stakeholders—but sustained pressure and united messaging remain vital to achieving meaningful action.

NAGGO remains committed to advocating for improved healthcare services in our region. We have actively engaged in conversations with provincial leadership, including raising the importance of the Northeast Zone with the Minister of Health, emphasizing the unique challenges our communities face due to jurisdictional complexities. In addition, we continue to champion the needs of rural residents by advocating for increased support and recruitment of rural health professionals, recognizing the critical role they play in ensuring accessible and sustainable care across our region.

Over the past year, NAAGO has:



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- Held meetings with provincial officials to highlight the infrastructure, economic, and social priorities of Northeast Alberta
- Engaged with industry partners and First Nations leadership to align regional advocacy
- Advocated for the designation of Highway 28 as a provincial economic corridor
- Advocated for improved healthcare in the Northeast Zone

Our **continued lobbying efforts** are not only justified—they are essential. Without consistent, coordinated advocacy, our region risks being overlooked in provincial and federal capital planning. NAAGO provides a platform through which we can speak with one voice to secure the infrastructure, investment, and recognition our communities and industries deserve.

As individual council members, your commitment and support are what give NAAGO its strength. I encourage us to continue:

- Supporting collective advocacy through unified messaging
- Engaging industry stakeholders to add weight to our calls for investment
- Sharing regional data and priorities with elected officials at every level
- Reaffirming NAAGO's role as the leading voice for Northeast Alberta

Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient region—one that is not only a vital contributor to Alberta's economy, but a place where families, businesses, and workers can thrive. NAAGO looks forward to working alongside each of you in the months ahead to ensure that NAAGO's voice remains strong and influential.

Thank you for your continued dedication and leadership.

Sincerely,

Amy Cherniwchan, NAAGO Chair Mayor, Smoky Lake From: Alberta Police Funding Model Review
To: Alberta Police Funding Model Review

Subject: Your Feedback Needed: Review of Alberta Police Funding Model

Date: May 14, 2025 2:49:04 PM

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Hello,

In 2020, the Government of Alberta introduced the Police Funding Model under the new Police Funding regulation to establish an equitable, transparent and sustainable model for provincial policing. At the time, the Government of Alberta committed to conducting a review of the Police Funding Model after five years. In accordance with this commitment, the Government of Alberta has engaged MNP LLP (MNP), an independent accounting and consulting firm, to conduct the Police Funding Model review. The review will include actionable recommendations for fairness, shared fiscal responsibility, and sustainability.

In the coming weeks, MNP will provide several opportunities to participate and contribute your feedback on the Policing Funding Model, including feedback on the method for allocating costs, concerns with the model, and suggested improvements or changes for the future. Your input will help develop recommendations influencing the future of the Police Funding Model.

You will be invited to provide your feedback through the Police Funding Model Review Survey and to participate in one of several virtual focus groups for additional input. All survey responses will have the option to remain anonymous.

After collecting stakeholder feedback through the survey and sessions with elected officials, administrators, and expert interviews, MNP will consolidate the findings and report back to the Government of Alberta in a 'What We Heard Report'.

To learn more about the Policing Funding Model Review please visit https://www.alberta.ca/police-funding-model-review-engagement.

Any additional questions can be directed to MNP at AlbertaPoliceFundingModelReview@mnp.ca.

Best regards,

Nathan Maertins, MBA, PMP MANAGER, CONSULTING SERVICES (He/Him)



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	CIBC GENERAL <u>ACCOUNT</u>	GENERAL ACCOUNT	ATB PAYROLL ACCOUNT	NOTICE ACCOUNT
NET BALANCE AT January 31, 2025	364,333.65	530,276.55	256,571.10	14,833,959.04
Receipts for the month of February				
Development Permit & Inspection Fees				
Interest	800.00	1,967.74	717.34	41,903.50
Taxes & Penalties		84,640.07		
Utility	145.94	383,325.91		
Miscellaneous Services & Sales		99,816.29		
Town Gas and other charges		63,968.65		
Aggregate		249,600.00		
Transfer from savings	045.04	600,000.00	747.04	44 000 50
Total Receipts	945.94	1,483,318.66	717.34	41,903.50
SUB-TOTAL	365,279.59	2,013,595.21	257,288.44	14,875,862.54
LESS				
Disbursements for the month of February				
Transfer funds to ATB Payroll		-402,536.22	402,536.22	
Bills and Accounts		-1,290,482.04	-405,663.06	
Transfer From Savings			,	
Chargebacks				
Bank Charges	-13.00	-158.20		
Transfer From Savings				-1,000,000.00
Total Disbursements	-13.00	-1,693,176.46	-3,126.84	-1,000,000.00
NET BALANCE AT February 28, 2025	365,266.59	320,418.75	254,161.60	13,875,862.54
NET BALANCE AT February 28, 2025	365,154.55	543,739.97	254,161.60	13,875,862.54
Outstanding Deposits	112.04	,	201,101.00	10,010,002.01
Less Outstanding Cheques		15.593.24		
NET BALANCE AT February 28, 2025	365,266.59	320,418.75	254,161.60	13,875,862.54
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REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT				
NET BALANCE AT January 31, 2025	-	0.00		
Disbursements	=	0.00		
Payments		0.00		
NET BALANCE AT February 28, 2025	=	0.00		
THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL, THIS				

Chief Administrative Officer

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Municipality of SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

	CIBC GENERAL <u>ACCOUNT</u>	GENERAL ACCOUNT	ATB PAYROLL <u>ACCOUNT</u>	NOTICE ACCOUNT
NET BALANCE AT February 28, 2025	365,266.59	320,418.75	254,161.60	13,875,862.54
Receipts for the month of March				
Interest	668.40	2,294.72	766.65	41,198.51
Taxes & Penalties	204.04	64,737.14		
Utility Miscellaneous Services & Sales	381.91	472,532.30 51,364.52		
Richmond Steel		31,425.82		
Town Gas, Federation and other gas revenue		73,294.12		
Aggregate Levy		52,500.00		
MCC Loan Payment		100,000.00		
Transfer from accunt		1,600,000.00		
Total Receipts	1,050.31	2,448,148.62	766.65	41,198.51
SUB-TOTAL	366,316.90	2,768,567.37	254,928.25	13,917,061.05
LESS				
Disbursements for the month of March				
Transfer funds to ATB Payroll		-334,653.98	334,653.98	
Bills and Accounts		-2,125,094.84	-335,792.28	
ASF Payment	42.00	470.00		
Bank Charges Transfer From Savings	-13.00	-176.33		1 000 000 00
Total Disbursements	-13.00	-2,459,925.15	-1,138.30	-1,000,000.00 -1,000,000.00
rotal Biobaroomonto	10.00	2,100,020.10	1,100.00	1,000,000.00
NET BALANCE AT March 31, 2025	366,303.90	308,642.22	253,789.95	12,917,061.05
Balance at March 31, 2024	366,303.90	528,521.44	253,789.95	12,917,061.05
Outstanding Deposits		12,791.81	·	
Less Outstanding Cheques		-232,671.03		
NET BALANCE AT March 31, 2025	366,303.90	308,642.22	253,789.95	12,917,061.05
REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT				
NET BALANCE AT February 28, 2025	-	0.00		
Disbursements	=	0.00		
Payments	_	0.00		
NET BALANCE AT March 31, 2025	=	0.00		
THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL, THIS				
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Budget to Actual 2024 Notes As At April 15, 2025

Taxes (net) Taxes will be levied in May. March penalties were \$245,299 (most are uncollectable)

Legislative We have completed 33% of the year. Council has spen 31% of the budget

Administration Administration has spent 35% of the operating budget.

Communications Communications has spent 26% of the budget.

GIS GIS has spent 52% of the budget. All of the license fees for 2025 have been paid

Other Government Service: The budget for grants is \$30,000

3,000.00 Vilna COPS 500.00 Vilna Curling

500.00 Spedden Fish and Game 1,500.00 SL Public Library annual donation 1,500.00 Ann Chorney Library annual c 1,500.00 Vilna Library annual donation

Victoria Trail Ag 1,000.00 Kalyna annual donation

1,000.00 Soc Endurance

350.00 Smoky Lake Holubka Dancers

1,500.00 Threshing Bee 400.00 Riders

500.00 SL Riding Club annual donation 2,500.00 Smoky Lake Legion 250.00 Faud Baramov 200.00 Delta Waterfowl

500.00 Smoky Lake Archery

6,000.00 Stars Annual Donation

balance remaining 7,300.00

Fire Services Fire has spent 17% of the budget. Bylaw Bylaw has spent 30% of the budget

Transportation Public works has spent 26% of the budget

Water has spent 23% of the budget. Sewer 18%. Landfill 43%. Landfill is higher than expected because the annual Evergree **Environmental Services**

fee of \$47,580 has been paid.

FCSS 2025 FCSS funds granted out are:

2500 Town family day SL Library 6500 Vilna Pool Hall 2100 SL Holubka Dancers volunteer volunteer 1590

Bellis Board volunteer 2500 1500 Vilna Veselka Dancers volunteer

7000 Fire Camp

Aspenview FSLW

687.00 \$ 23,690.00 grant remaining

Planning & Communication Planning has spent 18%

Agriculture Service Board ASB has spent 18%

Economic Development \$5,000 has been budgeted for economic development advertising. Dr recruitment has been paid for \$14640

Recreation & Cultural Servi Parks and Rec has spent 25% of the budget

Gas Natural Gas Administration has spent 31% of the budget

The odorant has a profit is \$64,322

Natural Gas Distribution expenses are at 21%

Gross Margin is \$243,265 (2024 = \$255,387) April Gas has not been levied at the time of this report

	Total Gas Rev		Purchase		Capital	(Gross Marg	Profit Marg
2025	\$ 698,588.39	\$	455,323.50	-\$	63,226.89	\$	243,264.89	53%
2024	\$ 1,572,102.27	-\$	875,593.98	-\$	133,441.85	\$	565,090.44	64%
2023	\$ 1,863,967.45	-\$	1,275,933.53	-\$	118,689.19	\$	469,344.73	37%
2022	\$ 3,224,440.00	-\$	2,692,763.00	-\$	144,974.00	\$	386,703.00	14%
2021	\$ 2,703,448.00	-\$	1,942,250.00	-\$	147,212.00	\$	613,986.00	32%

Accounts Receivable					R	eceivables
Accounts Receivable	Total	Current	0	er 30 days	un	der review
	\$ 141.045.22	\$ 60.196.70	\$	35,504.87	\$	45,343.65

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Taxes Receivable		Total	2024 o/s	to 2024	write off	
Percentage of 2024 taxes collect	97% \$	3,038,141.32	393,042.78	\$2,810,316.31	\$ 2,358,724.38	

Natural Gas Receivable	Total	Current	Over 90 days	
current accounts are overpaid due to budget pl	\$122,292.62	-\$34,588.65	\$ 87,775.76	April gas not billed yet

Warspite Water Receivable	Total		Current	Ov	er 90 days
\$		6,458.72	\$ 3,492.33	\$	2,220.29

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2025

Municiipal Budget to Actual Report YTD

	YTD	YTD			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET			
_	Period 3	2025 BUDGET	VARIANCE	VAR %	Notes
OPERATING REVENUE					
Taxes	(\$127)	\$4,353,000	¢4.2E2.127	100 000/	
Farmland & Residential	(\$137)		\$4,353,137	100.00%	
Machinery & Equipment		1,390,000	1,390,000	100.00%	
Non - Residential		1,470,000	1,470,000	100.00%	
Linear		6,730,000	6,730,000	100.00%	
Provincial Government		12,000	12,000	100.00%	
Sewer Levy		9,625	9,625	100.00%	
Other Income		E 000	E 000	100 000/	
Well Drilling/Drill Rigs		5,000	5,000	100.00%	most of popultion are
Donalting	245 192	94 200	160 002	(100 949/)	most of penalties are
Penalties	245,182	84,300	-160,882		uncollectable oil and gas
User Fees and Sales of Goods	172,805	624,250	451,445	72.32%	
Investment Income	118,786	693,498	574,712	82.87%	
Development Levies	223,344	84,500	-138,844	(164.31%) 160.43%	
Licenses and Permits	-127,200	210,500	337,700		
Sales to Other Governments	68,529	305,600	237,071	77.58%	
Grants Provincial Conditional Constains	24 277	E04 2E7	ECO 990	OE 000/	
Provincial Conditional - Operating CLC	24,377	594,257	569,880	95.90%	
		130,000	130,000	100.00%	
Transfer from Operating Reserve	705 606	765,319	765,319	100.00%	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	725,686	17,461,849	16,736,164	95.84%	•
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Salaries, Wages, and Benefits					
Salaries &Wages	1,452,139	5,932,790	4,480,651	75.52%	
Benefits	157,871	1,259,793	1,101,922	87.47%	
WCB	16,430	85,000	68,570	80.67%	
Other Wages	10,400	32,500	32,500	100.00%	
Contracted and General Services		02,000	02,000	100.0070	
Mileage	4,848	49,968	45,120	90.30%	
Meals and Lodgings	6,869	88,280	81,411	92.22%	
Membership & Conference Fees	15,096	61,435	46,339	75.43%	
Freight, Express, Postage	2,179	44,900	42,722	95.15%	
Telephone & Communication	17,058	90,900	73,842	81.23%	
Training	9,450	113,300	103,850	91.66%	
Advertising, Printing, Subscriptions	21,049	61,600	40,551	65.83%	
Accounting & Auditing	,	35,000	35,000	100.00%	
Legal Fees	2.140	20,000	17,860	89.30%	
Assessor Fees	44,593	150,000	105,407	70.27%	
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Engineering Fees	116,317	90,143	-26,174	(29 04%)	moved to capital
Other Consulting	113	67,000	66,887	99.83%	
Computer Programing	74,476	159,575	85,099	53.33%	
Insurance	31,848	272,950	241,102	88.33%	
Other Services	304,329	1,443,430	1,139,101	78.92%	
Materials, Goods, and Utilities	00.,020	.,,	.,,	70.0270	
Office/Food/Janitorial Supplies	13,655	98,080	84,425	86.08%	
Fuel/Parts/ Etc	227,856	1,650,050	1,422,194	86.19%	
Equipment Contra	36,553	-1,999,794	-2,036,347	101.83%	
Gravel	-473,350	490,000	963,350	196.60%	
Chemicals	170,000	75,000	75,000	100.00%	
Computer Supplies	4,638	52,650	48,012	91.19%	
Utilities	52,372	223,749	171,377	76.59%	
Employee Recognition	02,072	29,500	29,500	100.00%	
Other General Supplies	43,057	910,600	867,543	95.27%	
Transfers to Local Boards & Agencies	85,523	346,963	261,440	75.35%	
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	YTD	YTD		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET		
	Period 3	2025 BUDGET	VARIANCE	VAR %
Write Offs		3,000	3,000	100.00%
Bank Charges & Interest	1,205	5,900	4,695	79.58%
Requisitions		2,635,533	2,635,533	100.00%
Amortization		2,044,300	2,044,300	100.00%
	2,268,314		14,355,781	86.36%
Total Operations	-1,542,628	837,754	2,380,383	284.14%
Capital Funding				
Sale of Capital Assets	-4,917	300,000	304,917	101.64%
Provinical Capital Grants	15,000	2,844,780	2,829,780	99.47%
Transfer from Reserve		235,000	235,000	100.00%
Capital Funding	10,083	3,379,780	3,369,697	99.70%
Capital Expenses				
Buildings & Land		40,000	40,000	100.00%
Transfer to Reserve		521,000	521,000	100.00%
Land Improvements		12,000	12,000	100.00%
Engineering Structures		4,339,834	4,339,834	100.00%
Equipment	40,440	845,000	804,560	95.21%
Vehicles	2,002	504,000	501,998	99.60%
	42,442	6,261,834	6,219,392	99.32%
Total Capital	-32,359	-2,882,054	-2,849,696	98.88%
Net Profit/Loss	-1,574,987	-2,044,300	-469,313	22.96%
Remove Amortization		2,044,300	2,044,300	100.00%
Adjusted Surplus (Deficit)	-1,574,987		1,574,987	0.00%

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2025

Council Budget to Actual Report

	YTD	YTD		
	ACTUAL Period 3	BUDGET 2025 BUDGET	VARIANCE	VAR %
	Period 3	2025 BUDGET	VARIANCE	VAR %
OPERATING REVENUE				
Taxes				
Other Income				
Grants				
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Salaries, Wages, and Benefits				
Salaries &Wages	\$85,02	6 \$346,298	\$261,272	75.45%
Benefits	21,46		65,469	75.31%
Contracted and General Services				
Mileage	4,08	34,968	30,884	88.32%
Meals and Lodgings	2,62	24 23,770	21,146	88.96%
Membership & Conference Fees	4,08	30 15,185	11,105	73.13%
Telephone & Communication	1,64	42 6,100	4,458	73.08%
Other Services		1,500	1,500	100.00%
Materials, Goods, and Utilities				
Office/Food/Janitorial Supplies		3,000	3,000	100.00%
Computer Supplies		09 6,000	5,791	96.52%
	119,12		404,625	77.26%
Total Operations	-119,12	26 -523,751	-404,625	77.26%
Capital Funding				
Capital Expenses				
Capital Expenses				
Net Profit/Loss	-119,12	26 -523,751	-404,625	77.26%
Adjusted Surplus (Deficit)	-119,12	26 -523,751	-404,625	77.26%
			Budget	
Expense Breakdown by Division	Actual	Budget	<u>Remaining</u>	
Expense Dicardown by Division	1 \$4,2°	•	\$9,996	
	2 \$3,00		\$13,036	
	3 \$69		\$13,388	
	4 \$3,3		\$17,924	
	5 \$1,18		\$13,605	
	\$12,43		\$67,949	

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2025

Natural Gas Budget to Actual Report YTD

	YTD	YTD		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET		
	Period 3	2025 BUDGET	VARIANCE	VAR % /
OPERATING REVENUE				
Taxes				
Other Income	#7.00 F	#40.000	#0.04 F	00.450/
Penalties	\$7,985	\$10,000	\$2,015	20.15%
User Fees and Sales of Goods	671,848		2,390,052	78.06%
Investment Income		50,000	50,000	100.00%
Grants	670.000	2 101 000	0.440.007	70.000/
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	679,833	3,121,900	2,442,067	78.22%
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Salaries, Wages, and Benefits				
Salaries &Wages	195,728	873,114	677,386	77.58%
Benefits	49,222		115,778	70.17%
Contracted and General Services	-,	,	-,	
Mileage		3,000	3,000	100.00%
Meals and Lodgings	3,803	•	6,197	61.97%
Membership & Conference Fees	305	,	37,695	99.20%
Freight, Express, Postage	245		13,055	98.16%
Telephone & Communication	2,668	,	16,732	86.25%
Training	2,275		3,225	58.64%
Advertising, Printing, Subscriptions	894		1,606	64.25%
Accounting & Auditing	001	16,000	16,000	100.00%
Legal Fees		1,000	1,000	100.00%
Engineering Fees		7,500	7,500	100.00%
Other Consulting	49		951	95.14%
Computer Programing	680	•	29,320	97.73%
Insurance	5,644	•	30,356	84.32%
Other Services	3,546	,	48,429	93.18%
Materials, Goods, and Utilities	3,340	31,373	40,423	33.1070
Office/Food/Janitorial Supplies	3,335	17,400	14,065	80.83%
Fuel/Parts/ Etc	9,850	•	82,150	89.29%
Computer Supplies	128		18,872	99.33%
Utilities	2,984	•	9,136	75.38%
Employee Recognition	2,304	2,000	2,000	100.00%
Other General Supplies	351,031	2,000 1,586,091	1,235,060	77.87%
Amortization	331,031	245,000	245,000	100.00%
Amoruzation	632,387	3,246,900	2,614,514	80.52%
Total Operations	47,446		-172,447	137.96%
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Capital Funding				
Transfer from Reserve		169,000	169,000	100.00%
Capital Funding		169,000	169,000	100.00%
Capital Expenses				
Transfer to Reserve		120,000	120,000	100.00%
Equipment		129,000	129,000	100.00%
Vehicles	681		39,319	98.30%
	681	289,000	288,319	99.76%
Total Capital	-681		-119,319	99.43%
Net Profit/Loss	46,765	-245,000	-291,766	119.09%
Remove Amortization		245,000	245,000	100.00%
Adjusted Surplus (Deficit)	46,765		<u>-46,766</u>	0.00%
Aujusteu Surpius (Delicit)	40,700		-+0,700	0.00%

	YTD	YTD			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET			
	Period 3	2025 BUDGET	VARIANCE	VAR %	Notes
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