



**Smoky Lake County
Meeting Minutes**

Regular Council Meeting January 8, 2026 - 09:00 AM

Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by the Reeve Lukinuk, in the presence of the following persons:

<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	ATTENDANCE <u>Thursday January 8, 2026</u>
Division 1	Ryan Barker	Present in Chambers
Division 2	David Kully	Present in Chambers
Division 3 / Reeve	Craig Lukinuk	Present in Chambers
Division 4/ Deputy Reeve	Lorne Halisky	Present in Chambers
Division 5	Jered Serben	Present in Chambers
Interim CAO/Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present in Chambers
Executive Services Coordinator	Chyenne Shaw	Present in Chambers

Observers in Attendance Upon Call to Order:

P & D Manager	Jordan Ruegg	Virtually/Physically Present
Enviro Ops Manager	Dave Franchuk	Virtually Present
Natural Gas Manager	Daniel Moric	Virtually Present
GIS Technician	Carole Dowhaniuk	Virtually Present
Agricultural Fieldman	Carliegh Danyluk	Virtually Present
Health and Safety Coordinator	Jasmine Schaub	Virtually Present
Public	3 Members	Virtually Present

Resolution No: 20260108-001 Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council adopt the agenda as amended:

7.2.1 Supplementary information from the applicant

15.1 In Camera ATIA Division 2, Part 1 Section 20.

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No: 20260108-002 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, December 18, 2025

Moved By: Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 18, 2025, with the following amendments:

- Motion 1207-25 “That Smoky Lake County Council approve the attendance of any Councillor who is available to attend the Rural Municipalities of Alberta District 5 Meeting, to be held in Lamont, Alberta, on January 16, 2025, and file the letter from the Rural Municipalities of Alberta dated December 11, 2025 “should read “January 16, 2026” not “2025”.
- Motion 1218-25 "That Smoky Lake County Council rescind Resolution No. 855-25 “That Smoky Lake County Council approve amended Policy # 15-03-28 Organizational Structure and the recommended salary grid as per

discussion” due to a procedural error, and direct Administration to return the matter to Council for further consideration once a Chief Administrative Officer has been appointed." was made by Reeve Lukinuk.

- Motion 1151-25 The mover was not recorded for the Committee of the Whole Meeting motion.
- Motion 1219-25 approving the allocation of 2026 FCSS Grant funding, in accordance with Policy # 08-17-01, was moved by Reeve Lukinuk.

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260108-
003

Request for Decisions

Bylaw No. 1496-26: Bylaw to close all those portions of the Government Road Allowance lying within Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 262 & to consolidate said closed portions with SE ¼ 14-59-16-W4M

Moved By: Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1496-26, a Bylaw to close all those portions of the Government Road Allowance lying within Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 262 to consolidate said closed portions with SE ¼ 14-59-16-W4M, First Reading.

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260108-
004

Moved By: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council schedules the Regular Council Meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month, commencing February 2026.

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260108-
005

Moved By: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council schedule a Public Hearing on Bylaw No. 1496-26 for February 26th, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., and to advertise said Public Hearing in accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act.

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260108-
006

Recess

Moved by: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council recess at 9:31 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve called meeting back to order at 9:38 a.m.

Resolution
No:
20260108-
007

Roadway License Agreement Application RLA-001-26 – Undeveloped Government Road Allowances located (between SE-14-59-14-W4M and NE-11-59-14-W4M & between NE-11-59-14-W4M and NW-12-59-14-W4M)

Moved By: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council defer the Roadway License Agreement with Jeremy Tchir, for the purposes of utilizing the undeveloped government road allowances as shown on the attached map, for the grazing of cattle, expiring on December 31, 2030, unless otherwise terminated sooner

Furthermore, direct Administration to bring Policy #03-44, Roadway License Agreement, with amendments to reflect the fee schedule at the February Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260108-008 **Policy # 14-40 Field Level Hazard Assessment (FLHA) / Tailgate Meeting**
Moved By: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council defer Policy # 14-40 Field Level Hazard Assessment (FLHA) / Tailgate Meeting with amendments to the February Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED**Delegation(s)**

Resolution No: 20260108-009 **10:00 a.m. Kevin D. Kisilevich - GO EAST of Edmonton Regional Tourism**
Moved By: Serben

Present before Council from 10:01 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. was Kevin D. Kisilevich, representing GO EAST of Edmonton Regional Tourism, to provide a presentation and discussion regarding 2026 membership renewal options.

That the Smoky Lake County Council accept the verbal and written presentation from Kevin D. Kisilevich of GO EAST of Edmonton Regional Tourism, regarding 2026 renewal options, as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260108-010 **Moved By: Serben**
 That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to provide information "GO EAST" regarding camping, historical sites, cultural interests, and commit \$3500 towards the 2-page ad in the GO EAST Magazine.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260108-011 **10:30 a.m. Kevin Wawrynchuk**
Moved By: Serben
 Present before Council from 10:46 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. was Kevin Wawrynchuk, for the purpose of discussion regarding the timing of payment for County Land Lease.

That Smoky Lake County accept the Verbal presentation of Kevin Wawrynchuk, as information.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260108-012 **Moved By: Serben**
 That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to bring back Policy # 13-01 to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting in early February and defer all payment owing pursuant to the lease agreement until the Policy # 13-01 is amended, and to notify the Land Lessee.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260108-013 **Moved by: Halisky**
 That Smoky Lake County Council recesses at 11:07 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Lukinuk called the meeting back to order at 11:20 a.m.

Correspondence

Resolution
No:
20260108-
014

RhPAP Conference October 6–8, 2026

Moved By: Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council accept RhPAP email dated December 2, 2025, as information, and defer this to a future council meeting and forward to the **Physicians & Health Care Professionals Committee** meeting.

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260108-
015

PSES Alberta Police Funding Model

Moved By: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the email from Curtis Zablocki, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Law Enforcement, dated December 22, 2025, as information and approve action taken by the CAO requesting further information and bring it back to a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Public Question and Answer Period 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Carrie Feniak, southwest of Warspite, is concerned about the condition of the roads located on the boundary between Division 5 and Division 3. Both Council members have attempted to assist as much as possible.

Complaints have been ongoing for three years, with an understanding that there has been a significant amount of snow. However, a road grader has not been seen for weeks. The grader was observed on May 12, and it did not return until the August long weekend, working Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. It was stated that the operators were receiving time and a half.

Road grader operators are reportedly paid for 120 hours per month, whether they work or not.

Ratepayers in both Division 3 and Division 5 have been contacted and are very upset. Due to severe washboarding, a neighbour's vehicle fell apart and had to be towed.

Carrie would like to see the GPS of the grader operator and the variable speeds.

Carrie left council chambers at 12:06 p.m.

Resolution
No:
20260108-
016

Moved By: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the verbal presentation from Carrie Feniak as information and direct Administration to compile and present GIS data regarding grader operations in Divisions 3 and 5, along with identified priority road segments, to the February Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260108-
017

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report

Moved By: Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the CAO report as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260108-
018

Moved By: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to research and return with an Employee Recruitment and Job Posting Policy outlining how positions are posted when hiring employees to a future council meeting.

CARRIED

Resolution

No:

20260108-019

Recess

Moved by: Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council recesses at 1:21 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Lukinuk called the meeting back to order at 1:36 p.m.

Resolution

No:

20260108-020

Action Item List December 2025

Moved By: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the Action Item List as amended:

- Motion 1218-25 Moved by Lukinuk, not Serben.
- Motion 1207-2025 Should read “January 16, 2026”, not “2025”.

CARRIED

Resolution

No:

20260108-021

Moved by: Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council schedule a Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

CARRIED

Resolution

No:

20260108-022

In Camera Executive Session

Moved By: Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council move into an In Camera session pursuant to the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIA), Division 2, Part 1, Section 20 & 26: Personnel Matters & Intergovernmental Relations in the physical presence of all Council and the following staff members:

- Planning and Development Manager: Jordan Ruegg
- Interim CAO/Finance Manager: Brenda Adamson
- Executive Services Coordinator: Chyenne Shaw

CARRIED

Resolution

No:

20260108-023

Out of Camera

Moved By: Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session at 2:46 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution

No:

20260108-024

Annexation

Moved By: Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge its concurrence with the following terms proposed by the Village of Waskatenau regarding its proposed annexation of County lands:

- a) That the Village pay compensation to the County for lost tax revenue from parcels of land that are located within the proposed annexation area, based on the following formula:

Year of annexation = 100%

Year 2 = 80%

- Year 3 = 60%
- Year 4 = 40%
- Year 5 = 20%
- Year 6 = 0%

- b) The Village will assume costs associated with the proposed public engagement program and with the offer to compensate the County for costs, if any to a maximum of \$500.00.
- c) The Village will assume costs related to electricity charges for the three (3) streetlights located on Range Road 193A, identified as Site ID Numbers 001465047210, 0010467850617, and 0010467861915.
- d) The Village of Waskatenau shall provide written confirmation that any costs associated with the future removal, alteration, or relocation of the existing Natural Gas infrastructure located on the lands described as NW-16-59-19-W4, shall be incurred by the Village and/or the developer of said lands.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260108-025

Moved By: Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council reject the Village’s offer to pay the County \$50,000.00 over a 10-year period for costs incurred by the County related to the reclamation of the former nuisance grounds (legally described as Plan 5225CL;OT) and counteroffer a payment of \$100,000.00 to be paid by the Village to the County over a 10-year period, with payments due on January 1st of each year.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260108-026

Moved By: Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to request all studies completed on the annexation from the Village of Waskatenau and to provide a response by January 31, 2026.

CARRIED

Resolution No: 20260108-027

Adjournment

Moved By: Barker

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of January 8, 2026, be adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

CARRIED

REEVE,
Craig Lukinuk

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INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
Brenda Adamson