



Smoky Lake County Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting January 27, 2026 - 09:00 AM

Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by the Reeve Lukinuk, in the presence of the following persons:

<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	ATTENDANCE <u>Tuesday, January 27, 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
<i>Interim</i> CAO/Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present in Chambers
Executive Services Coordinator	Chyenne Shaw	Present in Chambers
Recording Secretary	Meaghan Andreychuk	Present in Chambers

Observers in Attendance Upon Call to Order:

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/Physically Present
Health and Safety Coordinator	Jasmine Schaub	Virtually Present
Public Works Manager	Chris Minailo	Virtually Present
Other Observes	6 Members	Virtually Present

**Resolution
No:
20260127-
032**

Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council adopt the agenda with the following additions:

- 11.6 Human Infrastructure Conference dated February 9th, 2026
- 15.2 In Camera session pursuant to the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIA), Division 2, Part 1, Section 20: Personnel Matter for the purpose of Retirement notices.

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution
No:
20260127-
033

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, January 8, 2026

Moved By: Dave Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 8, 2026, with the following amendments:

- Correction to the Physicians and Healthcare Professionals Committee

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260127-
034

Request for Decisions

8.1 FCSS Applications

Moved By: Dave Kully

That Smoky Lake County approve to allocate funding from the 2026 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:

- \$2,000 to Vilna & District Avicultural Society for the purpose of volunteer appreciation

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260127-
035

Motion 2:

Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to bring back Policy No 08-17-01: Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260127-
036

8.2 Appointment of Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB) Clerk

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council appoint Ms. Chyenne Shaw as the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB) Clerk, as per Section 6(1) of the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Agreement, dated June 29, 2023, that forms part of Bylaw No. 1447-23, as amended.

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260127-
037

8.3 Accounts Receivable Interest Write Off

Moved by: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County write off \$1,928.04 interest on Account STRA003 Strathcona Resources Ltd. due to full payment of invoice 2393.

CARRIED

Ag. Fieldman Carleigh Danyluk entered Council Chambers at 9:16 a.m.

Resolution
No:
20260127-
038

8.4 Policy Statement 62-31-01 Coyote Reduction Program Policy

Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council approve Policy Statement 62-31-01 Coyote Reduction Program Policy with the amendments:

- Add a disclosure stating that coyotes will not be accepted if they are missing any limbs other than the left paw

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260127-
039

8.5 Consent to act as a director on the MCC for Smoky Lake Development Corp.

Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Reeve, Craig Lukinuk and Deputy Reeve, Lorne Halisky execute the "Consent to Act As Director" form as per Regular County Council Meeting held on November 27th, 2025: Motion 995-25 being appointed as the Smoky Lake County representatives to the MCC for Smoky Lake Development Corp.

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260127-
040

Motion 2: Consent to act as a director on the MCC for Smoky Lake Development Corp.

Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council bring back Policy, Terms of reference, or Bylaws to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260127-
041

Moved by: Craig Lukinuk

Smoky Lake County Council recessed the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

CARRIED

Charne Roodt entered Council Chambers at 9:31 a.m.

Reeve Lukinuk called the meeting back to order at 9:35 a.m.

Delegation(s)

Resolution
No:

9:30 a.m. Warspite Foundation

20260127-
042

Moved By: Ryan Barker

Present before Council from 9:35 a.m. to 10:06 a.m. was Charne Roodt, representing the Warspite Foundation, to provide a presentation and discussion regarding 2026 membership renewal options.

That the Smoky Lake County Council accept the verbal and written presentation from Charne Roodt, representing the Warspite Foundation, regarding funding options Smoky Lake County partnering with the Warspite Foundation and the 2nd annual Warspite Country Fair, for the use of Smoky Lake County Parks and Recreation department as information.

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260127-
043

Warspite Foundation

Moved by: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to work with the Warspite Foundation for community grant applications working agreement for the use of land for the annual Country Fair and the Warspite revitalisation of the baseball diamond.

CARRIED

Charne Roodt left Council Chambers at 10:06 a.m.

Aspen View Public Schools Board of Trustees entered Council Chambers at 10:06 a.m.

Resolution
No:
20260127-
044

10:00 a.m. Aspen View Public Schools Board of Trustees

Moved By: Jered Serben

Present before Council from 10:07 a.m. to 10:47 a.m. representing the Aspen View Public Schools Board of Trustees, was Constantine Kastrinos, superintendent, Donna Cherniwchan, Ward 6 Trustee, and Britany Turko Ward 5 Trustee, to provide a presentation and discussion.

That the Smoky Lake County Council accept the verbal and written presentation from the Aspen View Board of Trustees regarding the need for School Boundaries to cover the overall size of Aspen View as well as the Parent Teacher event on March 1st, 2026, as information.

CARRIED

Clayton Didier, entered Council Chambers at 10:48 a.m.

Resolution
No:
20260127-
045

Moved by Craig Lukinuk

Smoky Lake County Council Recessed the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Smoky Lake County Council Resumed the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Resolution
No:
20260127-
046

10:30 a.m. Pine Creek Retreat

Moved By: David Kully

Present before Council from 10:54 a.m. to 11:32 a.m. was Clayton Didier, representing the Pine Creek Retreat, to provide a presentation and discussion regarding Economic Development opportunities within Smoky Lake County.

That the Smoky Lake County Council accept the verbal and written presentation from Clayton Didier, representing the Pine Creek Retreat, as information and furthermore direct administration to bring back information regarding economic development opportunities along Victoria Trail to a future County Council meeting and the next Joint Municipalities meeting.

CARRIED

Public Question and Answer Period 11:33 a.m. – 11:34 a.m.

None.

Resolution
No:
20260127-
047

9.1 Action Item List December

Moved By: Jered Serben

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the Action Item List as presented.

CARRIED

Council Reports

Resolution
No:
20260127-
048

10.1 Council Committee Reports

Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the Councillor Reports from Divisions one through five as information.

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260127-
049

Alberta Rural Education Symposium

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council approves the attendance of any Councillor that can attend the Alberta Rural Education Symposium dated March 1st to 3rd, 2026 located at the River Cree Resort and Casino, Enoch, Alberta.

Correspondence

- Resolution No: 20260127-050**
- 11.1 Portage College dated November 7, 2025**
Moved By: Craig Lukinuk
- That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the Letter from Portage College dated, November 7th, 2025, as information and acknowledge action taken as they are a delegation to County Council to the March 26th, 2026 Regular County Council meeting, and furthermore direct administration to send invitations to the surrounding municipalities to attend the March meeting as a guest for information.
- CARRIED**
- Resolution No: 20260127-051**
- 11.2 AI Data Center Project**
Moved By: Craig Lukinuk
- That Smoky Lake County Council accept the email forwarded from Reeve Lukinuk, regarding A Large-scale, Phased AI Data Center as information and direct administration to bring the topic back to future council meeting for discussion.
- CARRIED**
- Resolution No: 20260127-052**
- 11.3 RMA Police Funding Model Member Guide**
Moved by: Jered Serben
- That Smoky Lake County Council accept the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Police Funding Model Guide, dated January 12th, 2026, as information and furthermore direct administration to reach out to our District 5 Rural Municipalities representative Gene Hrabec, for guidance and information regarding lobbying.
- CARRIED**
- Resolution No: 20260127-053**
- 11.3 Motion 2: RMA Police Funding Model Member Guide**
Moved by Lorne Halisky
- That the Smoky Lake County Council direct Administration to engage with the Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) of neighbouring municipalities to discuss their respective costs, available resources, and the potential for exploring a regional approach to the RMA Police Funding Model.
- CARRIED**
- Resolution No: 20260127-054**
- 11.4 Canada Post – Spedden**
Moved by: Ryan Barker
- That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the email dated, January 20th, 2026, from Don Cooper forwarded from Councillor Barker as

information and furthermore direct administration to work with Canada Post and approve site selection option one.

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260127-
055

11.5 Chamber of Commerce

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the email received from the Smoky Lake Chamber regarding Chamber Meeting Details and Project Update, dated January 21st, 2026.

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260127-
056

11.6 Human Infrastructure Conference dated February 9th, 2026

Moved by: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council file the Human Infrastructure event date, Thursday, February 19th, 2026, notification brought forward from Reeve Lukinuk as information.

CARRIED

Information Releases

Resolution
No:
20260127-
057

Moved By: David Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the following information releases:

- **12.1 Letter to Waskatenau Re Annexation - Jan 13, 2026**
- **12.2 Letter of Support - Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) 2026-26 Grant intake Intermunicipal Collaboration Stream - Alberta HUB Skyways Project**
- **12.3 Smoky Lake County Letter to Lakeland Agricultural Research Association Program**

CARRIED

Financial Reports

Resolution
No:
20260127-
058

Moved by: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council Acknowledge receipt of the Budget at-a-Glance Dated December 31st, 2026.

CARRIED

Next Meetings

Moved by: Ryan Barker

Resolution
No:
20260127-
059

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the following meetings:

- January 29th, 2026, Joint Alberta Emergency Management Agency Training for Councils at 10:30 a.m. at the Smoky Lake Curling Club
- Thursday, February 5th, 2026, Committee of The Whole Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 18th – Meeting with RCMP at 1:30 p.m. In Council Chambers
- Thursday, February 26th, 2026, Regular County Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers
- Thursday, March 26th, 2026, Regular County Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers
- Thursday, April 16th, 2026, Regular County Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

CARRIED

In Camera Session

Resolution
No:
20260127-
060

15.2 In Camera Executive Session

Moved By: Craig Lukinuk

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: Personnel Matters for the purpose of Retirement notices, at 12:13 p.m. in the physical presence of all Council and the following staff members:

- Interim CAO/Finance Manager: Brenda Adamson
- Executive Services Coordinator: Chyenne Shaw
- Recording Secretary: Meaghan Andreychuk

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260127-
061

Out of Camera

Moved By: Ryan Barker

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session at 12:27 p.m.

CARRIED

Finance Clerk

Resolution
No:
20260127-
062

Moved by: David Kully

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the hiring process for the Finance Clerk position and proceed with advertising in accordance with applicable union agreement practices.

CARRIED

Resolution
No:

Moved by: Craig Lukinuk

That Smoky Lake County Council recesses at 12:25 p.m.

20260127-
063

Reeve Lukinuk called the meeting back to order at 1:04

Resolution
No:
20260127-
064

In Camera Executive Session

Moved By: Craig Lukinuk

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: Personnel Matter for the purpose of conducting Interviews for the Chief Administrative Officer, at 1:05 p.m. in the physical presence of all Council and the following staff members:

- Lakeland Human Resources, Sara Hurtubise

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260127-
065

Out of Camera

Moved By: Lorne Halisky

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session at 6:44 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution
No:
20260127-
066

Adjournment

Moved By: Craig Lukinuk

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of January 27, 2026, be adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

CARRIED

REEVE,

Craig Lukinuk

SEAL

INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,

Brenda Adamson