



**Smoky Lake County  
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Council Meeting March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - 09:00 AM**

**Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by the Reeve, Craig Lukinuk, in the presence of the following persons:

| <u>Div. No.</u>                                    | <u>Councillor(s)</u> | <u>ATTENDANCE</u><br><u>Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 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   |
| CAO  | Chyenne Shaw         | Present in Chambers   |
| Finance Manager                                    | Brenda Adamson       | Present in Chambers   |
| Director of County Services                        | Jordan Ruegg         | Physically Present  |
| Recording<br>Secretary/Legislative<br>Services     | Meaghan Andreychuk   | Present in Chambers   |
| <u>Observers in Attendance Upon Call to Order:</u> |                      |   |
| Environment and Parks<br>Manager                   | Dave Franchuk        | Virtually Present   |
| Natural Gas Manager                                | Daniel Moric         | Virtually Present   |
| Agricultural Fieldman                              | Carliegh Danyluk     | Virtually/Physically<br>Present                                   |
| Human Resources/Health<br>and Safety Coordinator   | Jasmine Schaub       | Virtually Present   |
| Regional Fire Chief                                | Scott Franchuk       | Virtually Present   |
| Other Observers                                    | 10 Members           | Virtually Present   |

**Resolution  
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**Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved By: Lorne Halisky**

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

- 8.18 Joint Meeting with the Town of Smoky Lake
- 11.7 Alberta HUB - Rural Electricity rates
- 11.8 Invitation to Lakeland Tourism Open House Event
- 15.1 In Camera Session - Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIA), Pursuant to Division 2, Part 1, Section 20: Personnel Matters
- 15.2 In Camera Session - Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIA), Pursuant to Division 2, Part 1, Section 19: Third Party Business Interest

Amendments: Energy misspelt, dates of the Strategic Plan meetings

**CARRIED**

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**3.1 Minutes of the Regular Council, Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Moved By: David Kully**

**Resolution  
No:  
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That Smoky Lake County Council approve the Minutes of the Thursday, Regular County Council meeting on Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, with the amendments:

- Resolution No. 20260226- Invoices sent out on January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Bylaw No. 1497-26 numbering incorrect
- Remove any acronyms

**CARRIED**

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**3.1 Minutes of the Committee of The Whole Meeting, Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Moved By: Jered Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the Minutes of the Committee of The Whole, Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, with amendments:

- Changes of titles

**CARRIED**

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**Moved by: Craig Lukinuk**

That Smoky Lake County Council Recess the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

**CARRIED**

The Reeve reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 9:15 a.m.

**4.**

**Delegation(s)**

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**4.1. Smoky Lake Public Library**

**Moved by: David Kully**

Present before Council from 9:15 a.m. to 9:35 a.m. was Lise VanDerVaart and Susannah Eldridge representing Smoky Lake Public Library for the purpose of presenting the 2025 Year End Report.

That Smoky Lake County accepted the verbal and written presentation of Lise VanDerVaart and Susannah Eldridge representing Smoky Lake Public Library as information.

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**In Camera**

**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: Third Party Business Interest, at 9:36 a.m. in the physical presence of all Council and the following staff members:

- Chief Administrative Officer, Chyenne Shaw
- Director of County Services, Jordan Ruegg
- Finance Manager, Brenda Adamson
- Recording Secretary/Legislative Services, Meaghan Andreychuk

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**Moved by: Jered Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session at 10:20 a.m.

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**4.2. Austin Zacharko Director - Business Development Massif Energy**

**Moved by: Ryan Barker**

Present before Council from 9:23 a.m. to 10:12 a.m. was Austin Zacharko Director, Business Development Massif Energy for the purpose of presenting a potential new development opportunity within Smoky Lake County.

That Smoky Lake County accepted the presentation of Austin Zacharko Director, Business Development Massif Energy, as information

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## **In Camera**

### **Moved by: Jered Serben**

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 19: Third Party Business Interest, at 10:46 a.m. in the physical presence of all Council and the following staff members:

- Chief Administrative Officer, Chyenne Shaw
- Finance Manager, Brenda Adamson
- Recording Secretary/Legislative Services, Meaghan Andreychuk

**CARRIED**

### **Moved by: Jered Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Council go out of Executive Session at 11:05 a.m.

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### **Moved by: Jered Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Council add Portage College to the next Joint Smoky Lake County and Town of Smoky Lake meeting to further discuss opportunities with Portage College.

**CARRIED**

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## **4.3. Portage College**

### **Moved by: Ryan Barker**

Present before Council from 10:20 a.m. to 11:06 a.m. were Dr. Stephen Price, President and CEO, and Dr. Donna Feledichuk, Vice President Academic & Research of Portage College, for the purpose of providing overall College updates, including but not limited to student attendance, increased enrollments, and program developments.

That Smoky Lake County accepted the presentation of Dr. Stephen Price, President and CEO and Dr Donna Feledichuk, Vice President Academic & Research, from Portage College as information.

**CARRIED**

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## **4.4. Jerry Bidulok – Riverland Recreational Society**

### **Moved by: Ryan Barker**

Present before Council from 11:07 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. was Jerry Bidulok from Riverland Recreational Society for the purpose of Riverland Recreational Society's tree planting project for the spring of 2026 along the IronHorse Trail.

That Smoky Lake County accepted the presentation of Jerry Bidulok from Riverland Recreational Society, as information

**CARRIED**

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## **4.5. Northern Lights Library System**

### **Moved by: Jered Serben**

Present before Council from 11:17 a.m. to 11:26 a.m. was James MacDonald, Executive Director, Northern Lights Library Systems for the purpose of Review of Northern Lights Library System services and value from 2025.

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

**CARRIED**

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### **Moved by: Craig Lukinuk**

That Smoky Lake County Council Recess the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

**CARRIED**

The Reeve reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 11:32 a.m.

**7. Question and Answer Period from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**  
**Public Question and Answer Period 11:32 a.m. – 12:03 p.m.**

Present before Council was representative of Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), Landon Hominiuk, and Brett Matthiessen to read off the following script:

Hello, honorable members, my name is Landon Hominiuk and I am here as local agricultural producer today to express my concerns on the Smoky Lake County's decision on January 8 2026 with regards to the motion number 212-25 and the recommendation from the Agricultural Service board Motion 1187-25. Within this motion it was decided by county council that Smoky Lake county withdraw from the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association contract, Direct administration to hire a new Assistant Agricultural Fieldman and Direct administration that the services that previously provided by LARA will continue to be delivered by Smoky Lake County. This statement means ALL services previously provided by LARA will continue. It has come to my attention that this restructuring has left agricultural producers in the county with a serious lack of agricultural resources and the county motion has not been met with merit. LARA is a producer-directed organization conducting leading edge applied agricultural research and extension in Northeast Alberta. LARA conducts local, innovative, unbiased research and extension throughout the Lakeland to promote Sustainable Agricultural practices for Producers. Upon referencing the Smoky Lake Counties website Agriculture Services boards primary function is to assist producers to achieve sustainable agricultural production as well as considering environmental and social issues as they result to agriculture. Honourable members why did the counties agricultural service board recommend a dissolution with LARA when, LARA itself provides these services at professional and Leading edge level. What rationale was provided by the ASB to council to leave LARA. Was it cost concerns ? I attended the April 8 2025 ASB meeting. At this meeting the interim Agricultural Fieldman Kiersten Dubitz provided her professional opinion, provided references and cost analysis of LARA services in comparison to Smoky Lake providing these services in house. She stated quote "You can't hire someone for the cost that the county funds LARA". With this being the case did the ASB and or council conduct a formal study to review cost differences of ALL services provided. Did the ASB provide council of Miss Dubitz recommendation. The county previously funded LARA at the nominal value of \$55000 annually. It is important to note that this monetary allocation does not come solely out of tax payer general revenue. Many municipalities apply for the Agricultural Service Board Grant Part 2.0 Resource Management from the provincial government. Off of the provincial agricultural service boards websites it states this grant process is a 5-year grant from 2025-2029 and has monetary allocations of \$ 800 000 to \$1 000 000 per municipality in totality. This equates to Smoky Lake County receipt from this grant alone of between \$160 000 to \$200 000 per year in multiple revenue streams. Has the council taken this fact into account. Has the county been applying for this grant, and if not why. LARA provides services which include but are not limited to:

1. Small-Plot research and field scale research projects.

How does the county intend to conduct such research trials, does the county intend to formulate research applications to governing bodies, ensure the application is accepted, conduct such research in a professional and scientifically recognized manner and publish said results. Does the county plan to acquire equipment such as seeders, sprayers and plot combines ect. Has the county acquired land or location for such plots to be conducted. How would this purchase cost affect the counties finances. Will this labor be

conducted by the county agricultural department and will this additional workload effect the counties basic agricultural department activities.

2. LARA provides 2 free feed tests to all producer members annually which includes a complete forage analysis. LARA had provided smoky lake county with a forage sample probe that was previously stationed at the county office for producers to use at no cost. LARA also will provide producers feed test recommendations on ration balancing for cattle. Will the county still provide the samples at no additional cost. When is the county planning to acquire a sample probe. And how will the Ag department provide technical recommendations on said samples.

3. LARA also offers a Try before you buy program to all producer members. Individuals have access to a Razer grazer and multiple watering systems. UFA currently has a razor grazer priced \$13795.00 and Water buggy for \$18995. Lets do some some quick math 2 water buggys and a razer grazer come to a GRAND TOTAL of \$51785. Remember smoky lake county previously funds LARA at \$55000 annually without taking into account grant revenue from the provincial government. Has the county started a procurement strategy to ensure county producers continue to have access to this service and has it been built into the agricultural budget.

4. LARA provides assistance to members in the producer grant process. In 2025 LARA helped producers attain 1.8 million dollars in grant applications funding in the 3 membership municipalities. Once again lets due some quick math 1.8 million divided by 3 municipalities equals \$600 thousand per municipality roughly. This dollar value alone shows a return on investment of 1000% value added. LARA provides this service at no cost to members and will sit down with producers to ensure the highest likelihood of a grant being accepted. Can the county ensure they continue the standard in the grant application process. Who in the county wilt be administering this service and how wilt this additional task affect workload. Some grants required a P AG or CCA designation to review and sign off on the application. Who in the county currently has this professional designation. And if no one within

the county has this designation, will they hire 3rd party resources and cover the cost completely so that producers continue to have this service. What would the cost of 3rd party contractors be to smoky lake county.

5. LARA offers an average 5 webinars annually. In addition, 7 in-person workshops and seminars per municipality per year. Does the county have the resources to continue to provide a total of 12 sessions to producers. Has the county done due diligence in promoting such events to rate payers. I reviewed all Smoky Lake County Facebook posts from the beginning of 2023 to today. While the County did promote LARA events within its own borders; it only advertised 6 LARA events in 3 years in partnering municipalities. This promotion is only 28% of all LARA events in partnering municipalities. Since Smoky Lake County was a partner in good standing at this time wouldn't it be expected to promote ALL LARA events to their ratepayers. In the grapevine I could find no LARA event promotion by the county at all. Since councils' decision to terminate the contract with LARA in January there has been already two different non LARA events promoted in other municipalities on Facebook. Why the sudden change in advertising policy. How many producers from smoky lake would have utilized LARA events, seminars ect more readily if the county would have promoted LARA properly.

6. Other services provided by LARA include access to the LARA Watershed Resiliency Program, Youth educational programming such as, Junior Gardners Program, Classroom microgreens, Walking with Moose, Secret world of soils and Forest Inspired shelterbelts program. Is the county

going to provide youth education in agriculture geared to the next generation of farmers in this municipality. Who and How are these programs going to be provided. LARA offers Environmental Farm Plan assistance and technicians. Does the county have any employees with the EFP designation to offer this requirement.

These and many other services are provided by LARA. I must reiterate the motion made by council was the services provided by LARA will continue. It was only a little over year ago that Smoky Lake County had two ag fieldman to conduct basic agriculture services. How are two fieldman going to do regular duties and provide all the LARA services in an economical and time management accord. It must also be stated that our municipality is in the process in filling two vacant ag fieldman positions. How are new employees going to be set up for success when they are designated with accomplishing all these tasks.

I attended the April 8 2025 ASB meeting and I saw firsthand, Alyssa Krawchuk {Executive Director of LARA} ask the ASB for feedback or recommendations numerous times. The ASB had no requests of LARA. They provided no recommendations or feedback. How can LARA have the chance to improve and continue to excel if the ASB does not come to the table in good faith. As this situation has unfolded as a taxpayer I am concerned on the lack of public consultation on this issue. Under the Smoky Lake County Policy "Public Participation Policies and Public Notification", "A Guide For Municipalities"; page (3/12) under General Policy Principles it states Council recognizes that good governance includes engaging municipal stakeholders in public participation by creating opportunities for municipal stakeholders who are affected by a decision to influence the decisions to this date opportunity has not been allocated to agriculture producers in the County delegation denial public meetings or engagement and Facebook comments being turned off on posts are evidence of that.

In conclusion, I must say that I do agree with Miss Dubitz recommendation on continuing with LARA as the financial costs to provide these services in house would be astronomical. The loss of such expertise , professionalism and compassionate support from all those who work for LARA will be a forfeiture that Smoky Lake County producers will struggle to overcome. We ask you County Council to resend your motion and reinstate Smoky Lake Counties membership within LARA.

Thank you

Brett Matthiessen:

- Bridging the Knowledge Gap: when I was new entry producer, LARA was critical to my development in the industry and adapting new practises. This county is full of young ambitious producers, unlike other areas of the province where communities are being hollowed out. We should be doing everything to prevent that from happening here. Without knowledge we do not grow.
- Tailored Solutions: Extension services facilitate a two-way flow of information, allowing researchers to understand specific, local challenges and adapt technologies to local conditions.
- Sustainability and Resilience: Extension is a Long term investment: Without science based research we run the risk of becoming uncompetitive as other regions get a leg up. I am especially worried about the direction we are going as Lamcome research facility has now been closed by the federally government. This is an short site decision which will have implications far reaching into the future.
- Investment in our communities: increasing efficiency, farmers can reduce costs and increase profits, contributing to improved rural livelihoods.

Extension is an investment in the future generations, not unlike saving for your child's education.

- I feel that the ASB does not represent producers in this county, when have producers been surveyed, engaged and communicated with for the priorities and ideas of the board. Only Speaking to your friends and neighbors does not give an representative sample size for input. Relying only on corporate trails funded by their own profits who are trying to sell producers products is a conflict of interest. Non bias research is required to confirm their data. Why are the directors on the board appointed and removed at convenience. Why does the board have two councillors seated at the table. This is a county board, not a producer board.
- Bridging the Knowledge GaR: as a young producer LARA was critical to my development in the industry and adapting new practises. This county is full of young ambitious producers, unlike other areas of the province where communities are being hollowed out. We should be doing everything to prevent that from happening here. Without knowledge we do not grow.
- Tailored Solutions: Extension services facilitate a two-way flow of information, allowing researchers to understand specific, local challenges and adapt technologies to local conditions.
- Sustainability and Resilience: Extension is a Long term investment: Without science based research we run the risk of becoming uncompetitive as other regions get a leg up. I am especially worried about the direction we are going as Lamcome research facility has now been closed by the federally government. This is an short site decision which will have implications far reaching into the future.
- Investment in our communities: increasing efficiency, farmers can reduce costs and increase profits, contributing to improved rural livelihoods. Extension is an investment in the future generations, not unlike saving for your child's education.
- I feel that the ASB does not represent producers in this county, when have producers been surveyed, engaged and communicated with for the priorities and ideas of the board. Only Speaking to your friends and neighbors does not give an representative sample size for input. Relying only on corporate trails funded by their own profits who are trying to sell producers products is a conflict of interest. Non bias research is required to confirm their data. Why are the directors on the board appointed and removed at convenience. Why does the board have two councillors seated at the table. This is a county board, not a producer board.

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**Moved by: Craig Lukinuk**

That Smoky Lake County Council Recess the meeting for lunch at 11:27 a.m.

**CARRIED**

The Reeve reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 12:59 p.m.

Resolution  
No:  
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**4.6. JMD financial statement presentation from Barb McCarthy**

**Moved by: Ryan Barker**

Present before Council from 1:00 p.m. to 1:27 p.m. was Barb McCarthy representing JMD for the purpose of presenting the 2025 Financial Statements.

That Smoky Lake County accepted the presentation of Barb McCarthy representing JMD, as information and with the amendment of Duplicating Jered Serben's Council report

Resolution  
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**Public Question and Answer Period 11:32 a.m. – 12:03 p.m.**

**Moved by: Jered Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Council accept the verbal information from the Question and Answer Period.

## 8. Request for Decisions

### Resolution No: 20260326-171

#### 8.1 Recreational Vehicles Bylaw No. 1500-26

**Moved by: Lorne Halisky**

That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1500-26 First Reading.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution No: 20260326-172

#### 8.1 Recreational Vehicles Bylaw No. 1500-26

**Moved by: Jered Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1500-26 Second Reading.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution No: 20260326-173

#### 8.1 Recreational Vehicles Bylaw No. 1500-26

**Moved by: Ryan Barker**

That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1500-26 Permission for Third Reading.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution No: 20260326-174

#### 8.1 Recreational Vehicles Bylaw No. 1500-26

**Moved by: David Kully**

That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1500-26 Third Reading.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution No: 20260326-175

#### 8.2. Planning and Development Fees Bylaw No. 1498-26

**Moved by: Lorne Halisky**

That Smoky Lake County Council defer Bylaw 1498-26 to the next Regular County Council Meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution No: 20260326-176

#### 8.3. Bylaw 1502-26 Noise Bylaw

**Moved by: Ryan Barker**

That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1498-26 First Reading with amendments to adding reference to the Smoky Lake County Dog Control Bylaw No. 1344-19.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution No: 20260326-177

#### 8.3. Bylaw 1502-26 Noise Bylaw

**Moved by: Ryan Barker**

That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1502-26 Noise Bylaw Second Reading with amendments to adding reference to the Smoky Lake County Dog Control Bylaw No. 1344-19.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution No: 20260326-178

#### 8.3. Bylaw 1502-26 Noise Bylaw

**Moved by: Lorne Halisky**

That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1502-26 Noise Bylaw Permission for Third Reading with amendments to adding reference to the Smoky Lake County Dog Control Bylaw No. 1344-19.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution No: 20260326-179

#### 8.3. Bylaw 1502-26 Noise Bylaw

**Moved by: David Kully**

That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1502-26 Noise Bylaw Permission for Third Reading with amendments to adding reference to the Smoky Lake County Dog Control Bylaw No. 1344-19.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution No: 20260326-180

#### 8.3. Bylaw 1502-26 Noise Bylaw

**Moved by: Lorne Halisky**

That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw No. 1502-26 Noise Bylaw Third Reading with amendments to adding reference to the Smoky Lake County Dog Control Bylaw No. 1344-19.

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**8.4 Employee Hiring Policy (CAO)**

**Moved by: Ryan Barker**

That Smoky Lake County Council approve Policy HR-10 with the amendment of adding internally and externally to the job posting section.

**CARRIED**

Resolution  
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**8.5 Vacation Policy**

**Moved by: Lorne Halisky**

That Smoky Lake County Council adopt Policy HR-08 with the amendments to adding a definition to Supervisor.

**CARRIED**

Resolution  
No:  
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**8.6 Corporate Credit Card Policy (CAO)**

**Moved by: Ryan Barker**

That Smoky Lake County Council approve Policy FIN-07 as presented.

**CARRIED**

Resolution  
No:  
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**8.7 Purchasing Guidelines Policy**

**Moved by: David Kully**

That Smoky Lake County Council approve Policy FIN-16 as presented.

**CARRIED**

Resolution  
No:  
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**8.8 HRVA Report**

**Moved by: Lorne Halisky**

That Smoky Lake County Council defer the Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA) 2025 Report to the Regular Council Meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**CARRIED**

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**8.9 Procedural Bylaw 1499-26**

**Moved by: David Kully**

That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw 1499-26 First Reading.

**CARRIED**

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**8.9 Procedural Bylaw 1499-26**

**Moved by: Lorne Halisky**

That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw 1499-26 Second Reading.

**CARRIED**

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**8.9 Procedural Bylaw 1499-26**

**Moved by: Ryan Barker**

That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw 1499-26 Permission for Third Reading.

**CARRIED**

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**8.9 Procedural Bylaw 1499-26**

**Moved by: Craig Lukinuk**

That Smoky Lake County Council give Bylaw 1499-26 Third Reading.

**CARRIED**

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**8.10 FCSS Policy**

**Moved by: Lorne Halisky**

That Smoky Lake County approve the Family and Community Support Services Grant Policy #08-17-03 with the amendments of adding the definition of Volunteer Appreciation.

**CARRIED**

Resolution  
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**8.11 Family and Community Support Services Grant Applications**

**Moved by: Lorne Halisky**

- 20260326-191 That Smoky Lake County approve to allocate funding from the 2026 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant budget in accordance with Policy no 08-17-03: Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) grant as follows:
1. \$6,500 to Town of Smoky Lake Library Board for 2026 family programing.
  2. \$1,500 to Stry 75th Anniversary Hall for the purpose of volunteer appreciation.
  3. \$1,500 to Bellis Board of Trade for the purpose of volunteer appreciation.
  4. 4. \$1,500 to Warspite Community Hall Association for the purpose of a volunteer recruitment event.
- CARRIED**
- Resolution No: 20260326-192  
**8.12 Bylaw 1501-26 Borrowing Bylaw**  
**Moved by: Jered Serben**
- That Smoky Lake County give First Reading to Bylaw 1501-26 Borrowing Bylaw with the amendment to one corporate credit card with a limit of \$70,000.
- CARRIED**
- Resolution No: 20260326-193  
**8.12 Bylaw 1501-26 Borrowing Bylaw**  
**Moved by: Lorne Halisky**
- That Smoky Lake County give Second Reading to Bylaw 1501-26 Borrowing with the amendment to one corporate credit card with a limit of \$70,000.
- CARRIED**
- Resolution No: 20260326-194  
**8.12 Bylaw 1501-26 Borrowing Bylaw**  
**Moved by: David Kully**
- That Smoky Lake County give Permission for Third Reading to Bylaw 1501-26 Borrowing Bylaw with the amendment to one corporate credit card with a limit of \$70,000.
- CARRIED**
- Resolution No: 20260326-195  
**8.12 Bylaw 1501-26 Borrowing Bylaw**  
**Moved by: Ryan Barker**
- That Smoky Lake County give Third Reading to Bylaw 1501-26 Borrowing Bylaw with the amendment to one corporate credit card with a limit of \$70,000.
- CARRIED**
- Resolution No: 20260326-196  
**8.13 March Donations Requests**  
**Moved by: Jered Serben**
- That Smoky Lake County approve a donation of \$350.00 to the Smoky Lake Holubka Dancers in response to the March 9, 2026 letter requesting contributions toward the Highway Cleanup taking place on May 2, 2026, and furthermore, that the event be advertised on Smoky Lake County's social media page and that the Community Peace Officer and Fire Department be informed.
- CARRIED**
- Resolution No: 20260326-197  
**Moved by: Craig Lukinuk**
- That Smoky Lake County Council Recess the meeting at 2:20 p.m.
- CARRIED**
- The Reeve reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:31 p.m.
- Resolution No: 20260326-198  
**8.14 Smoky Lake County 2026 Open House Event**  
**Moved by: Jered Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Council approve hosting the combined Smoky Lake Community Open House, Farmers Appreciation BBQ, and Gas Department 50th Anniversary Event at the Public Works Shop on June 11, 2026; and Further, that Smoky Lake County Council approve closing the Public Works Shop to the public for the day on June 11, 2026, for the purpose of hosting the Community Open House; and Further, that Smoky Lake County Council approve closing the Smoky Lake County Main Office to the public from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on June 11, 2026, to allow staff to attend the Community Open House.

**CARRIED**

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**8.15 Policy Statement 62-02-04: Gopher Incentive Program  
Moved by: Jered Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Council amend Policy Statement AG-02-05: Gopher Incentive Program as presented.

**CARRIED**

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**8.16 Rescind Policy Statement 62 09-01: Pocket Gopher Traps and Policy Statement 62-01-03: Magpie Traps  
Moved by: David Kully**

That Smoky Lake County rescinds the following policies:

- Policy Statement AG-01-03: Magpie Traps
- Policy Statement AG-09-01: Pocket Gopher Traps

**CARRIED**

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**8.17 Policy Statement AG 07-07: Beaver Management Program  
Moved by: Lorne Halisky**

That Smoky Lake County Council amend Policy Statement AG-07-07: Beaver Management Program as presented.

**CARRIED**

Resolution  
No:  
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**8.18 Joint Meeting with the Town of Smoky Lake  
Moved by: Craig Lukinuk**

That Smoky Lake County Council direct administration to send an invitation to the Town of Smoky Lake Council for a Joint Municipality meeting on the following proposed dates:

- April 2 at 4:30 p.m.
- April 16 at 4:30 p.m.
- April 20 at 4:30 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Council Reports**

Resolution  
No:  
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203

**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**

**Correspondence**

Resolution  
No:  
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204

**11.1 RMA District 5 Golf Tournament – August 6, 2026**

**Moved By: Jered Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledges receipt the invitation to the Rural Municipalities of Alberta District 5 Golf Tournament and approve the attendance of any Council Member that can attend.

**CARRIED**

Resolution  
No:  
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205

**11.2 Road Access Request - Shemeluk Lake Area**

**Moved By: David Kully**

That Smoky Lake County Council defer the Road Access letter request dated March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, to the next Regular County Council meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, to receive input from the Director of County Services.

**CARRIED**

Resolution  
No:  
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206

**11.3 S.T.A.R. Drone Innovation in Motion – July 15-17, 2026**

**Moved By: Lorne Halisky**

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the S.T.A.R. Drone Innovation in Motion event invitation on July 15-17, 2026, and file as information.

**CARRIED**

Resolution  
No:  
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207

**11.4 Village of Waskatenau - Response Letter to Smoky Lake County - Proposed Annexation - March 2026**

**Moved By: Ryan Barker**

That Smoky Lake County Council file the Response Letter to Smoky Lake County Proposed Annexation dated March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 as information.

**CARRIED**

Resolution  
No:  
20260326-  
208

**11.5 2026 Alberta Wildfire Participation**

**Moved By: Lorne Halisky**

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the draft letter to be sent to Ian Fox, Provincial WUI Officer, regarding the participation of Smoky Lake County Regional Fire Services in the 2026 Alberta Wildfire season.

**CARRIED**

Resolution  
No:  
20260326-  
209

**11.6 2026 AFCA Conference Schedule**

**Moved By: Jered Serben**

That Smoky Lake County Council direct the Regional Fire Chief, Scott Franchuk, to forward the 2026 Alberta Fire Chiefs Association Conference schedule to all Council members regarding early bird pricing and furthermore approve any Council member who is able to attend to attend the 2026 conference.

**CARRIED**

Resolution  
No:  
20260326-  
210

**11.7 Alberta HUB - Rural Electricity rates**

**Moved By: David Kully**

That Smoky Lake County Council approve to sign up for the Fair Electricity Distribution Alliance.

**CARRIED**

Resolution  
No:  
20260326-  
211

**11.8 Invitation to Lakeland Tourism Open House Event**

**Moved By: Ryan Barker**

That Smoky Lake County Council file the Invitation to Lakeland Tourism Open House Event and approve any Council member who is able to attend to attend the event.

**CARRIED**

**12. Information Releases**

**None.**

**CARRIED**

**13.**

**Financial Reports**

**Moved by: Ryan Barker**

Resolution  
No:  
20260326-  
212

That Smoky Lake County Council acknowledge receipt of the Budget to Actual report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**14.**

**14. Next Meetings:**

**Moved by: Craig Lukinuk**

14.

Resolution No: 20260326-213

That Smoky Lake County Council approve the following upcoming Council meetings:

- Wednesday, April 1, 2026, County Council Budget Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 7th, Smoky Lake County Strategic Planning Session at 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, Smoky Lake County Strategic Planning Session at 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, April 16th, 2026, Regular County Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular County Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

**CARRIED**

15.

Resolution No: 20260326-214

**In Camera**

**In Camera Session - Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIA), Pursuant to Division 2, Part 1, Section 20: Personnel Matters  
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, at 2:44 p.m. in the physical presence of all Council and Chyenne Shaw, Chief Administrative Officer.

**CARRIED**

Resolution No: 20260326-215

**Out of Camera**

**Moved By: Ryan Barker**

That Smoky Lake County Council will go out of in Camera Session at 4:40 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Resolution No: 20260326-216

**Adjournment**

**Moved By: Craig Lukinuk**

That the Smoky Lake County Council Meeting of March 26, 2026, be adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Signature Available Upon Request

REEVE,  
Craig Lukinuk

**SEAL**

Signature Available Upon Request

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,  
Chyenne Shaw